To avert disaster, Red must try to land the uncontrollable Team Rocket battleship somewhere safe and take out all the bombs planted onboard before the ship explodes. The five PokéDex owners have arrived at the stirring conclusion of this chapter of their story after much trials and tribulations. After giving their all, will they finally get the resolution they seek? A new arc begins, with the introduction of the fascinating Battle Frontier and a new Trainer! The real thing only starts now!

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THE FIRST CHAPTER

Red, a young Pokémon trainer from Pallet Town, sets off on a quest to become the strongest trainer, after receiving the Pokédex from Professor Oak. Along the way, he battles Blue - who has the same objective in mind - meets up with Green, and finally defeats Team Rocket before winning the Pokémon League.

THE SECOND CHAPTER

Two years have passed. Red has suddenly disappeared, and a mysterious trainer, called Yellow, appears. While searching for Red, Yellow runs into Kanto's Elite Four, led by Lance. The four Pokémon masters have a horrifying plan in mind, and Yellow has to stop them.

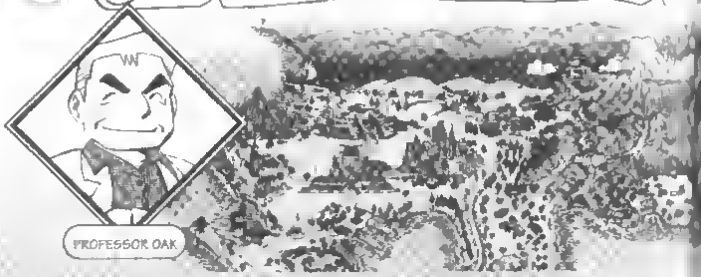
After a climatic battle on Cerise Island, Yellow manages to defeat Lance and shatter the ambition of the Elite Four.

THE THIRD CHAPTER

Yet another year has passed, and the story shifts to the Johto Region. In pursuit of Silver who stole Totodile from Elm Research Center, Gold heads to New Bark Town. Due to a twist of fate, they have to battle side by side, even though they can't stand each other. Crystal joins in the fray, after being entrusted with the mission to complete the Pokédex. The trio battle a mysterious masked man, who has revived Team Rocket, eventually ruining his scheme.

THE FOURTH CHAPTER

Ruby, a boy passionate about Pokémon Contests, runs away from home right after moving to Littleroot Town. He encounters Sapphire in the wild, and makes a bet with her.



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Ruby is to win all the Pokémon Contests within 80 days and Sapphire must win all Gym battles in the same time frame. Meanwhile, Team Aqua and Team Magma set their destructive plans into motion. As a result, the ancient Pokémon Groudon and Kyogre wreak havoc and devastation on the Hoenn Region. The two Pokémon finally return to their eternal slumber, after Ruby and Sapphire make a valiant attempt to stop them.

THE FIFTH CHAPTER

Another half a year has come and gone. After suffering a crushing defeat at the hands of Deoxys on the Sevii Islands, Red's morale hits rock bottom. However, he finally picks himself up, and is now ready for a rematch! The trainers team up with Mewtwo, and together they manage to break into the Trainer Tower. Once inside, though, they fall into one trap after another... Giovanni, the leader of Team Rocket, plans to keep Red and the others stranded at the Tower, so that he is free to head to the location Deoxys has pointed out with its psychic powers... Viridian City!

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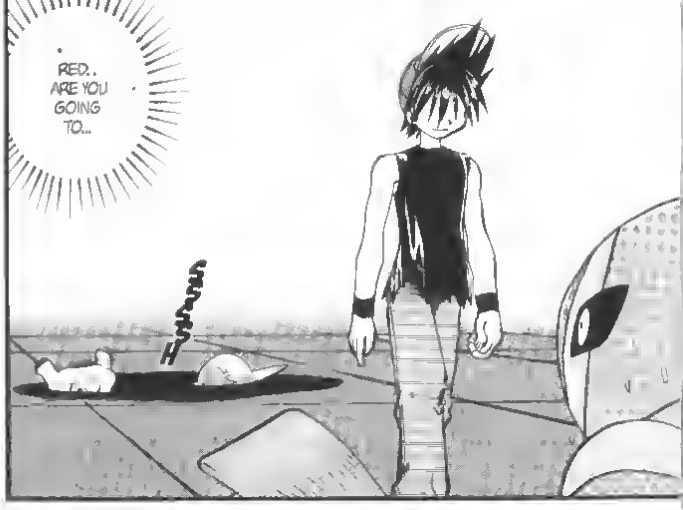

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YELLOW...! WHAT ARE YOU...?!
RED.. IF I LEAVE YOU NOW..
..I WON'T BE ABLE TO FINISH TELLING YOU EVERYTHING!
I'LL BE FALLING INTO A DEEP SLEEP SOON..
..SO I HAVE TO TELL YOU...
..BEFORE THAT
I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHAT I LAST SAW IN DEOXYS' MIND...?!

RED... YOUR BLOOD RUNS THROUGH THE VEINS...
...OF THE DEOXYS KNOWN AS "ENTITY TWO"!
MY..
..BLOOD"
..GIOVANNI WENT AROUND COLLECTING CELL SAMPLES AND ENERGY SOURCES IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN HIS FORCES TO CARRY OUT HIS EVIL DEEDS...
...AMONG THE SAMPLES HE COLLECTED FROM THE BATTLE AT VIRIDIAN FIVE YEARS AGO

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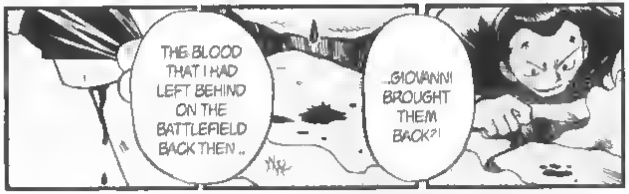
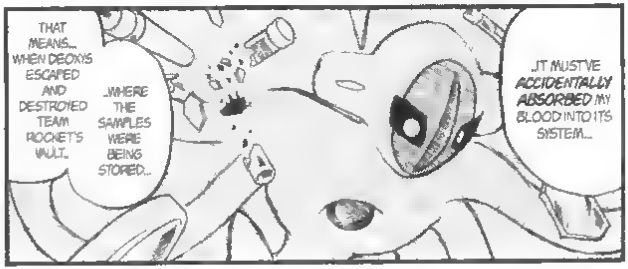
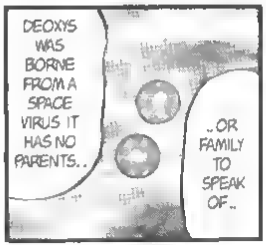
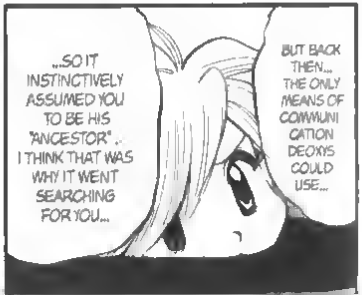
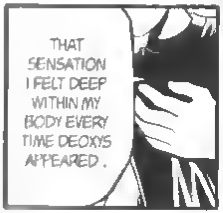
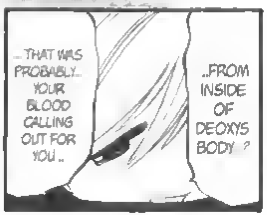


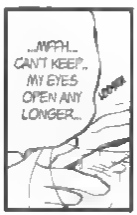

THAT MEANS... WHEN DEOXYS ESCAPED AND DESTROYED TEAM ROCKET'S VAULT...
...WHERE THE SAMPLES WERE BEING STORED...
...IT MUST'VE ACCIDENTALLY ABSORBED MY BLOOD INTO ITS SYSTEM...

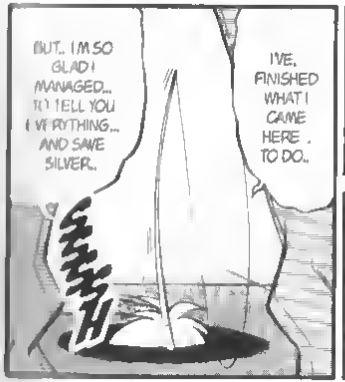


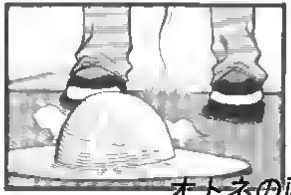

...SO IT INSTINCTIVELY ASSUMED YOU TO BE HIS "ANCESTOR"..
I THINK THAT WAS WHY IT WENT SEARCHING FOR YOU...
BUT BACK THEN... THE ONLY MEANS OF COMMUNICATION DEOXYS COULD USE...











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GUESS IT'S JUST YOU AND ME NOW, DEOXYS
NOW I COMPLETELY UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEANT WHEN YOU SAID...
...THAT YOU WERE ME!
THEN AGAIN.. LET'S SEE.. YOU ONLY KNEW HOW TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH FIGHTING, HUH..
WHAT YOU DID SHOOK ME UP PRETTY BADLY, YKNOW..!
JUST KIDDING! HEH, THIS IS REALLY EMBARRASSING!
WELL THEN!!
HUP!!
CLANG
CLANG
STAMP
BUT STILL
...I'M HONORED
IT MAKES ME REALLY HAPPY TO KNOW THAT THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE WHO NEEDS ME NO MATTER WHAT FORM THEY MAY BE IN!
GRIND
DEOXYS.. YOU BELONG TO GIOVANNI SINCE YOU WERE CAUGHT BY HIM..
...BUT...
...NOW YOU'RE FREE TO DO WHAT YOU WANT! YOU CAN RETURN TO THE WILD IF YOU LIKE...
WHRRRRRRRRR
..OR IF YOU WANT TO STAY WITH ME, THAT'S FINE TOO!

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THE ONLY MOVING VEHICLE I'VE EVER RIDDEN BEFORE IS A BICYCLE... YOU GUYS KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, DON'T YOU...
IT'S "MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO" TIME!!

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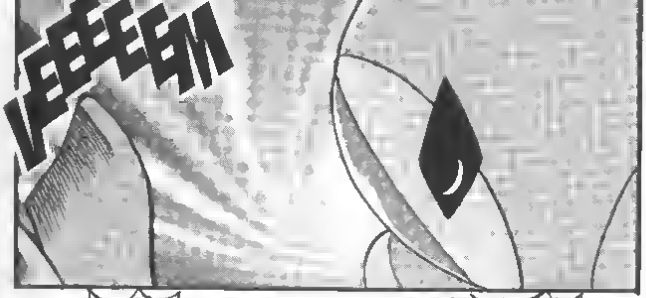
LEAVE THE OPERATION OF THE AIRSHIP TO ME! DON'T WORRY! I WON'T CRASH INTO ANY TOWN!!
IN THE MEANTIME, I WANT ALL OF YOU TO..
..FIND THE 10 FORRETRESS STILL PLANTED IN THE AIRSHIP AND "EXTINGUISH" THEM!
WAIT RED
IN THAT CASE ALLOW ME TO LOCATE THE FORRETRESS!
IS THAT YOU?!



FIRST ONE'S AT THE BASE OF THE RIGHT WING!
THE SECOND ONE'S AT THE SECOND STOREY OF THE CENTRAL SECTION!
THIRD ONE!! THE LOWER LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT!

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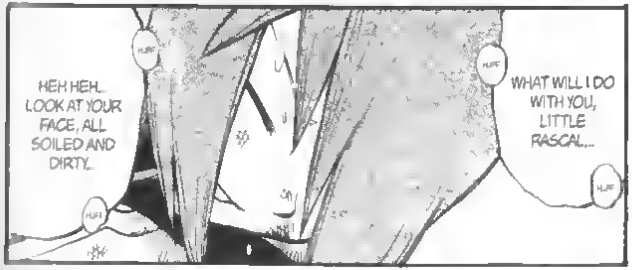
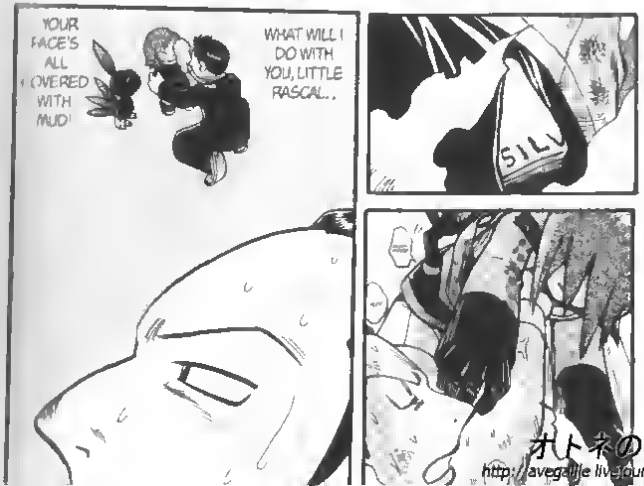
THIS IS... THE DEBRIS FROM OUR BATTLE AIRSHIP... WHAT IS IT DOING AT THE EXIT OF THE BLACK HOLE..?!
TERRIBLE COINCIDENCE NEVERTHELESS
AT ANY RATE... IF ONLY THESE ABHORRENT FLAMES WERE NOT HERE...
... THEN I WOULD HAVE YOU IN MY EMBRACE ..!!





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SILVER
THAT HANDKER CHIEF..
HUH
HEH HEH... SO YOU KEPT IT WITH YOU ALL THIS TIME, HUH..
HOW ABOUT THAT..
SILVER
YOU OFTEN LOST THINGS WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER... EVEN AFTER I HAD ALL OF YOUR BELONGINGS INITIALED, YOU STILL KEPT LOSING THEM..
I HAD TO MAKE SURE YOU HAD DUPLICATES OF THE SAME THING...
SILVER
IF YOU STILL HAVE THAT ON YOU...
.THEN THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU MUST CALL YOU BY THAT NAME, RIGHT?
THE NAME SILVER..
...WAS GIVEN TO YOU BY YOUR FATHER..!
FOR MANY YEARS, THIS BODY HAS BEEN WASTING AWAY FROM DISEASE ..
I KNEW FULL WELL THAT MY TIME IS LIMITED..
. GLAD I MADE IT..
HEH HEH...
YOU HAVE GROWN UP...
...SILVER!

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THIS FELLA CAN WALK THROUGH FIRE WITHOUT FLINCHING..
MY RHYDON.
IT'S PROTECTED BY AN ARMOR LIKE LAYER OF SKIN. NOT EVEN MAGMA AT TWO-THOUSAND DEGREES CAN STOP IT FROM ADVANCING!
HE'S GIOVANNI, LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET!!
SUSIE..
THIS MAN..
WHY ARE YOU WITH HIM?!
..THIS..
THIS MAN..
...IS MY FATHER.

GO AHEAD, BE SURPRISED! LAUGH!
I'M THE SON OF THE LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET!
BUT I'LL NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MAN AS MY FATHER!
NOT A SHAMELESS CRIMINAL LIKE HIM..!!
I'M THANKFUL THAT YOU'VE SAVED ME, BUT...
..YOU SHOULD'VE LEFT THIS MAN TO DIE.
..
NOT PROUD OF YOUR FAMILY AT ALL, HUH...
I WAS LIKE THAT A LONG TIME AGO...

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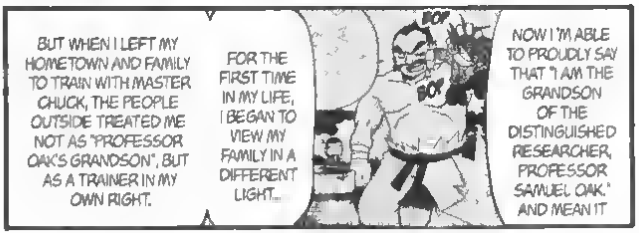
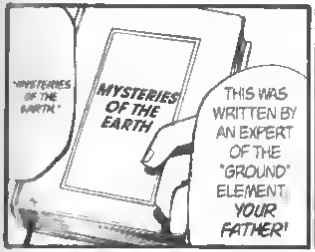
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN AS "PROFESSOR OAK'S GRANDSON". EVEN WHEN I ACHIEVED SOMETHING GREAT THROUGH MY OWN ABILITY, PEOPLE WOULD SAY IT'S BECAUSE "HE'S PROFESSOR OAK'S GRANDSON."
I WASN'T PROUD OF BEING PART OF THE FAMILY AT ALL...


BUT WHEN I LEFT MY HOMETOWN AND FAMILY TO TRAIN WITH MASTER CHUCK, THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE TREATED ME NOT AS "PROFESSOR OAK'S GRANDSON", BUT AS A TRAINER IN MY OWN RIGHT.
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE, I BEGAN TO VIEW MY FAMILY IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT...
BOY
BOY
NOW I'M ABLE TO PROUDLY SAY THAT "I AM THE GRANDSON OF THE DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER, PROFESSOR SAMUEL OAK." AND MEAN IT

YOU'VE ALREADY SEPARATED YOURSELF FROM YOUR PAST WHEN YOU CRUSHED THE MENACE THAT WAS THREATENING JOHTO...
SO WHAT IF YOU'RE THE SON OF TEAM ROCKET'S LEADER?! YOU DESERVE TO BE PROUD OF YOURSELF FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU'VE DONE!



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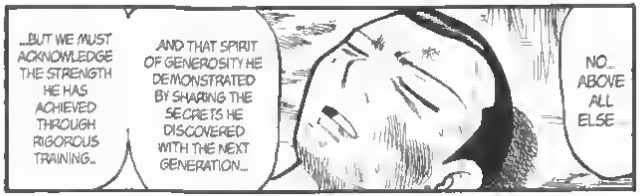
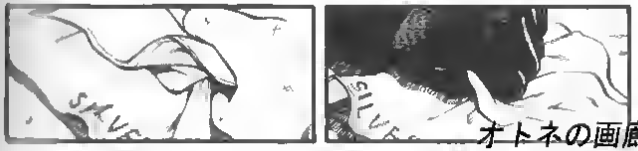

...BUT WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE STRENGTH HE HAS ACHIEVED THROUGH RIGOROUS TRAINING..
AND THAT SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY HE DEMONSTRATED BY SHARING THE SECRETS HE DISCOVERED WITH THE NEXT GENERATION...
NO... ABOVE ALL ELSE

THIS IS THE MAN WHO SPENT TEN YEARS OF HIS LIFE SEARCHING FOR YOU... THE MAN WHO WILLINGLY LET HIMSELF BE CONSUMED BY AN INFERNO IN ORDER TO PROTECT YOU.
THERE'S NO REASON WHY YOU SHOULDN'T BE PROUD OF A FATHER LIKE THAT.



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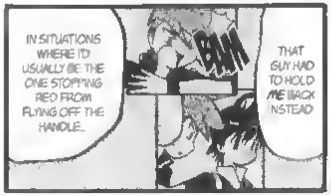

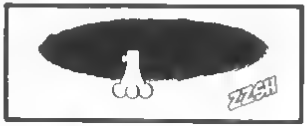

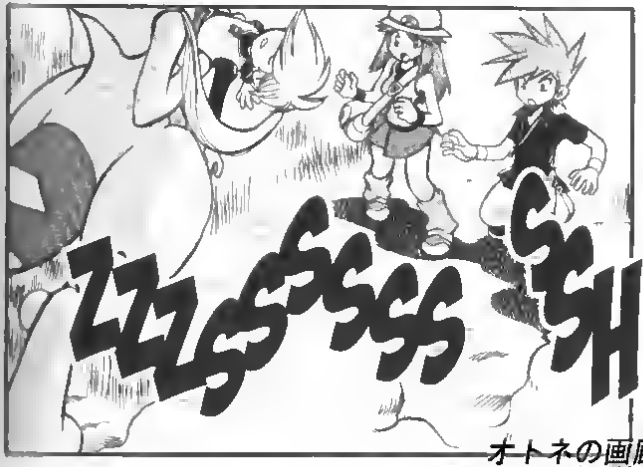

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THUMP THUMP
DON'T.. WORRY RED..
..ALWAYS.. KEEPS HIS PROMISES..
HE REMEMBERED WHAT HE PROMISED ME WHEN WE FIRST MET
..AND PASSED THE GYM LEADER TEST LIKE HE SAID HE WOULD..
SHE'S TALKING IN HER SLEEP
THIS TIME S NO DIFFERENT.. HE'LL DEFINITELY COME BACK..
..HE SAID HE'D BE BACK, SO HE DEFINITELY WILL..
..FOR SURE..
EVEN UNDER A DEEP SLEEP YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT RED..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT YOU MUST'VE FOUGHT REALLY HARD..
I CAN TELL FROM MEWTWO'S STATE OF FATIGUE THAT IT MUST'VE BEEN A FEROCIOUS BATTLE...
..WE CAN'T RELY ON HIM ANYMORE

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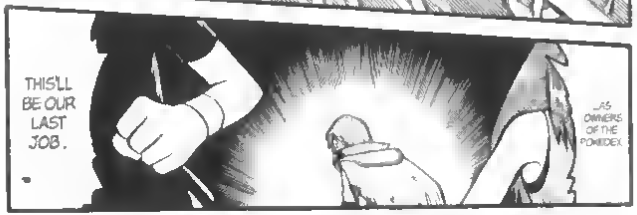
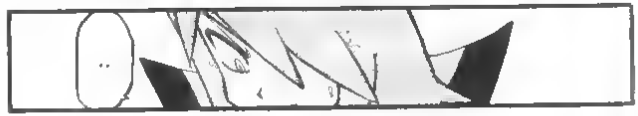
WE'LL HAVE TO TRY TO STOP THE AIRSHIP FROM CRASHING BY OURSELVES, GREEN!!!
SINCE WE KNOW THAT RED'S ALONE ON THAT AIRSHIP, WE'VE NO EXCUSE NOT TO HELP!!





I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY FATHER INTENDS TO DO ABOUT TEAM ROCKET OR ABOUT ME, BUT..
...WHATEVER HAPPENS FROM HERE ON, MY HEART IS ALREADY SET
CLANG
I'M GOING TO LIVE ON, WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY FROM THE FACT THAT GIOVANNI IS MY FATHER...

I WON'T LET MY FATHER COMMIT ANOTHER CRIME..
...AND FOR ALL THE WRONG-DOINGS THAT HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR, I WILL SHARE THE BURDEN WITH HIM..
I'LL KEEP GOING, AND WORK HARD TO ATONE FOR HIS CRIMES.. BESIDES
SNIP

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..I WANT TO FULFILL MY OBLIGATIONS HERE AS WELL!
FLAP
I'M A POKEDEX OWNER TOO!!
ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT, BLUE..?
BUT OF COURSE
SWOOOOSH
THAT'S... BLUE AND THE OTHERS!
THEY'RE TRYING TO STOP THE AIRSHIP FROM CRASHING BY USING THE POKEMON'S ABILITIES!
THUD THUD
HMM..BUT THE NOSE OF THE PLANE WON'T GO UP..!!
SEVENTH ONE..!
EIGHTH
BASE OF THE LEFT WING
NINTH
TENTH
FLICK!
LAST ONE!!
ARMORY... BEHIND THE PILOT CABIN.
WATER AND WIND... FULL BLAST AHEAD!!
PUSH THE AIRSHIP UP FROM BENEATH!!

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THE ARMORY ...!!
THAT PLACE IS PACKED WITH FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES! IF FORRETRESS USES "EXPLOSION" IN THERE, THE CHAIN REACTION WILL BLOW THIS SHIP INTO SMITHEREENS!
OKAY
RIP
DECOYS
USE YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS AND TELL PIKA AND THE OTHERS TO WAIT RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE!!!
STAND
YOU AND I...
...WILL TAKE CARE OF THE LAST FORRETRESS TOGETHER!
ON PWR. INLAND...
• ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION WE'VE RECEIVED, THE HUGE BATTLE AIRSHIP THAT WAS SPOTTED ABOVE VIRIDIAN CITY...
...CONTINUES TO FLY AROUND AIMLESSLY, BILLOWING WITH BLACK SMOKE AFTER A PORTION OF IT EXPLODED WHILE IT WAS ABOVE VERMILLION CITY.
MM. MMM. UNDERSTOOD! I'M COUNTING ON YOU, BLUE!
ISH. I DON'T TELL ME.
THAT'S TEAM ROCKET'S BATTLE AIRSHIP
RED'S NOW DESPERATELY TRYING TO REGAIN CONTROL OF IT..
AND STOP IT FROM CRASHING!
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD HE'S TRYING... EVEN IF HE SUCCEEDS, THE CITIZENS OF VERMILLION MIGHT NOT EVEN BE GRATEFUL TO HIM!
THEY MIGHT EVEN SHUN THEM AND TREAT THEM LIKE SOME PLAGUE... LIKE WHAT WE DID!
GO FOR IT...!!
DON'T GIVE UP, YA HEAR...?!
EVEN THEN, THAT BOY.
GO FOR IT..

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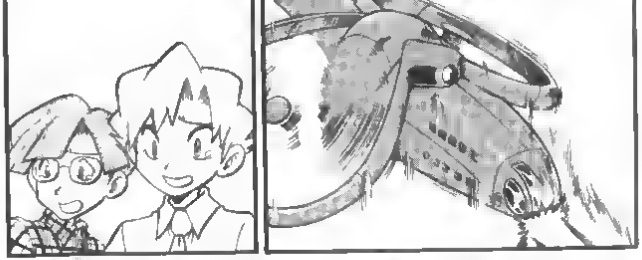

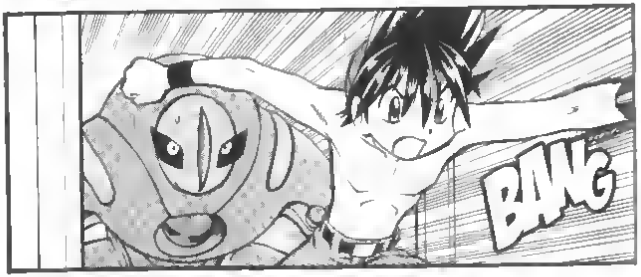
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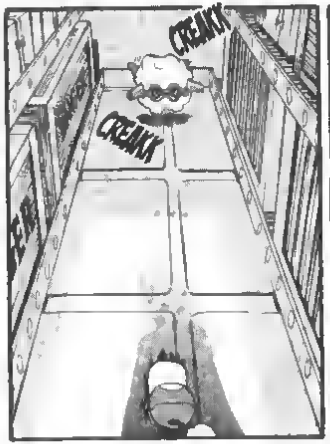
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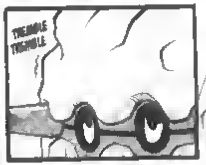
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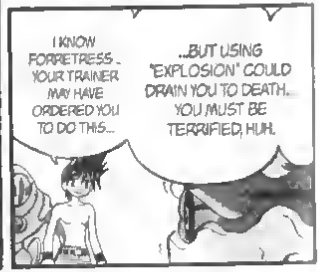
I KNOW FORRETRESS.. YOUR TRAINER MAY HAVE ORDERED YOU TO DO THIS...
...BUT USING "EXPLOSION" COULD DRAIN YOU TO DEATH.. YOU MUST BE TERRIFIED, HUH.

BUT.. YOUR TRAINER ISN'T HERE NOW...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN TO HIS ORDERS ANYMORE... SO COME ON..
DASH!

FIZZLE...
?!
YOU WERE GOING TO RUN DIRECTLY INTO US AND BLOW YOURSELF UP, WEREN'T YOU..
BUT YOU KNOW..

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...DEOXYS HAS THIS MOVE CALLED "SKILL SWAP". IT SWITCHED ABILITIES WITH POLI...
...JUST BEFORE POLI WENT TO THE RIGHT WING.
SINCE DEOXYS HAS THE "DAMP" ABILITY NOW, YOU CAN'T CAUSE AN EXPLOSION BY THROWING YOURSELF AT IT...
STILL, YOU'VE CARRIED OUT YOUR ORDERS WITHOUT NEEDING TO DIE... YOU DID WELL
WHAT...WHAT MANNER OF BEING ARE YOU...?!
DEOXYS
YOU JUST KEEP GOING YOU NEVER GAVE UP
NOT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE DRIVEN INTO A CORNER OR INJURED ALL OVER!
WHAT MANNER OF BEING ARE YOU?!

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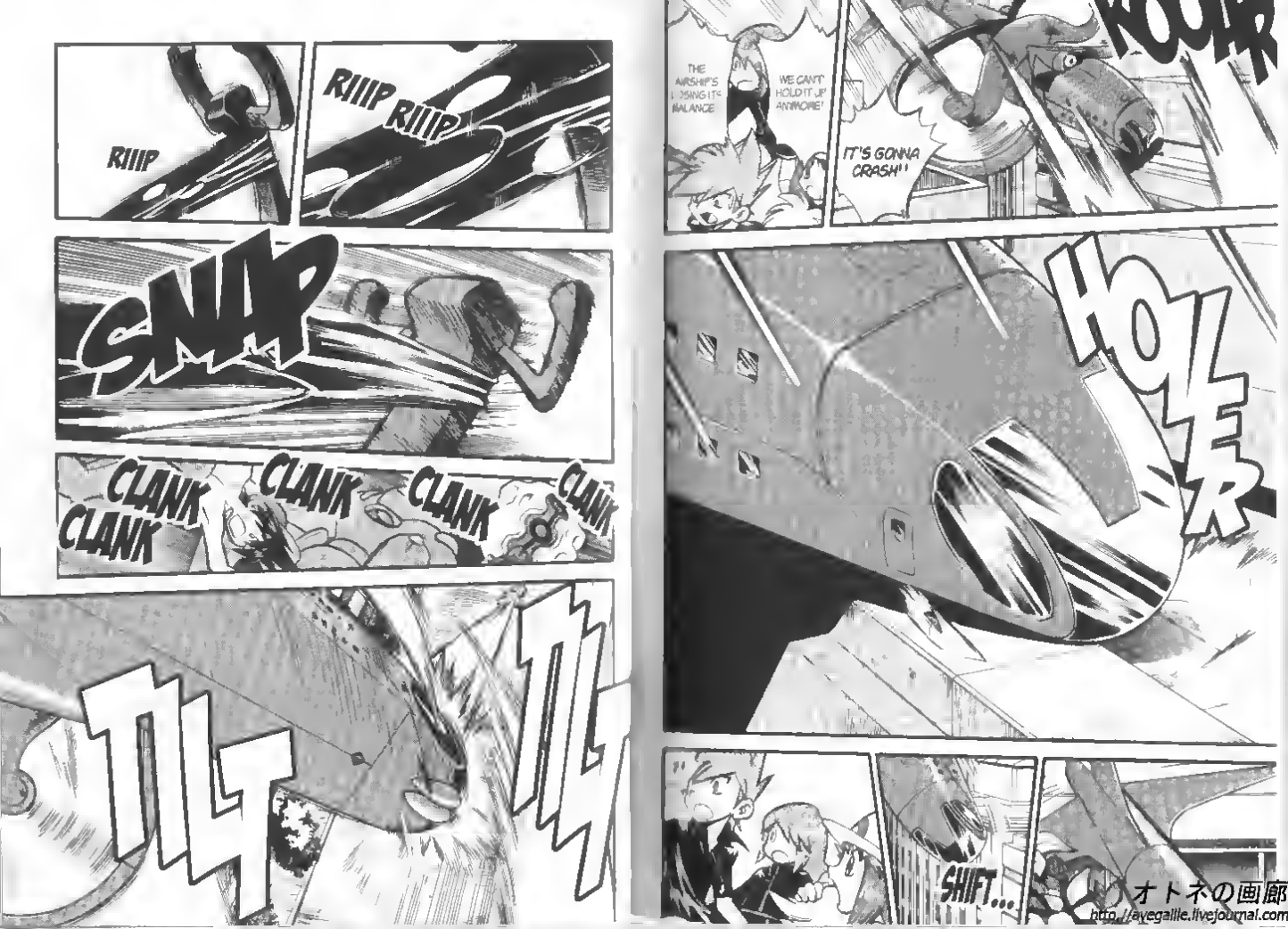

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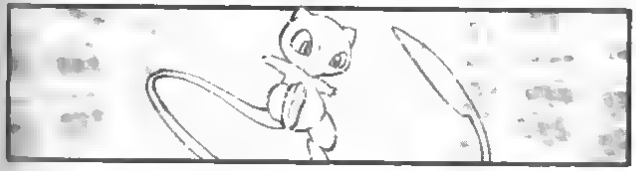
THANKS TO YOU GUYS, THE AIRSHIP MANAGED TO LAND WITHOUT HURTING ANYONE!
EH? BUT...
...WE WEREN'T ABLE TO SUPPORT IT IN THE END! WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO STEERED THE AIRSHIP TO SAFETY JUST NOW?
HUH? HMM.. I DON'T GET IT..



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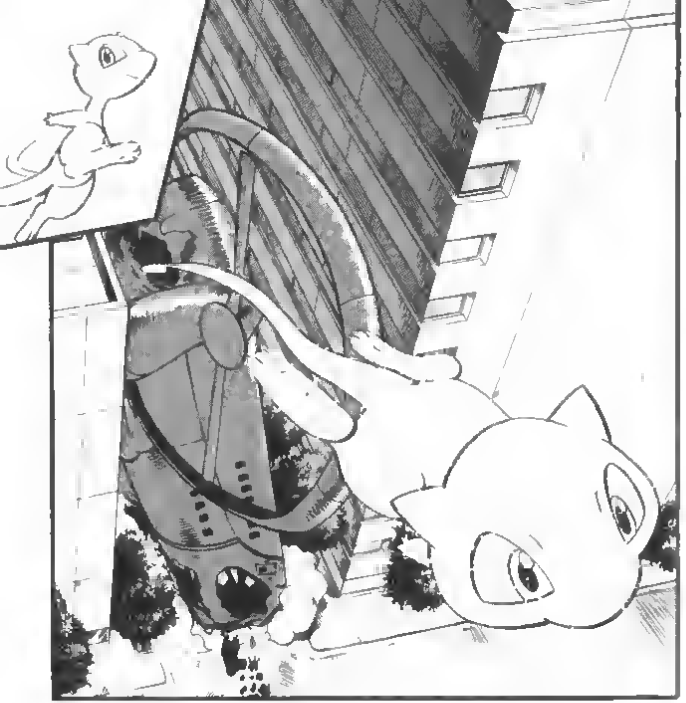

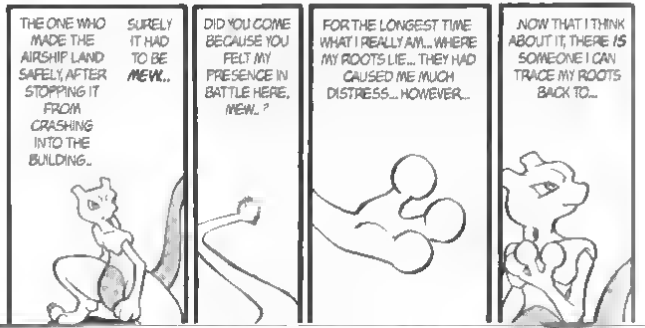
THE ONE WHO MADE THE AIRSHIP LAND SAFELY, AFTER STOPPING IT FROM CRASHING INTO THE BUILDING..
SURELY IT HAD TO BE MEW!..
DID YOU COME BECAUSE YOU FELT MY PRESENCE IN BATTLE HERE, MEW..?
FOR THE LONGEST TIME WHAT I REALLY AM... WHERE MY ROOTS LIE... THEY HAD CAUSED ME MUCH DISTRESS... HOWEVER...
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THERE IS SOMEONE I CAN TRACE MY ROOTS BACK TO...

I AM HAPPY THAT I WAS ABLE TO BATTLE AGAINST SOMEONE...
...WHO SHARES MY SENTIMENTS!
...AD TO ...E YOU ...E AND ...ICKING, RED!
WELL, I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT IF GUYS HADN'T HELD THE AIRSHIP UP FROM BELOW..
CLICK
THANKS, BLUE, GREEN AND... ERR..

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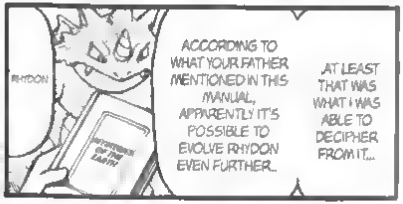
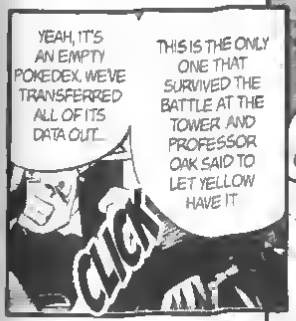
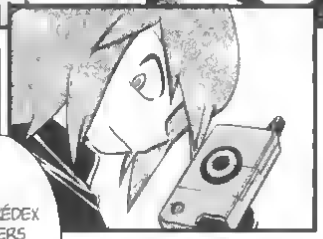
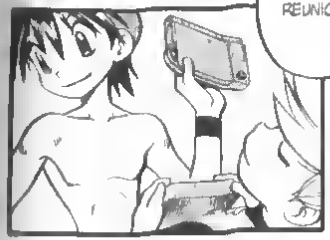

RHYDON
ACCORDING TO WHAT YOUR FATHER MENTIONED IN THIS MANUAL, APPARENTLY IT'S POSSIBLE TO EVOLVE RHYDON EVEN FURTHER..
..AT LEAST THAT WAS WHAT I WAS ABLE TO DECIPHER FROM IT...


YEAH, IT'S AN EMPTY POKEDEX. WE'VE TRANSFERRED ALL OF ITS DATA OUT...
THIS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT SURVIVED THE BATTLE AT THE TOWER AND PROFESSOR OAK SAID TO LET YELLOW HAVE IT
CLICK!





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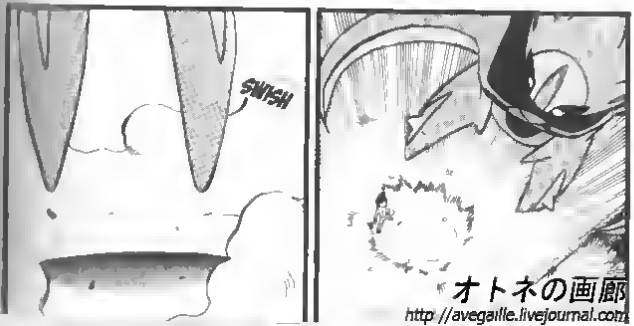
THE PROFESSOR MENTIONED THAT HE MADE THREE OTHER POKEDEXES FOR THE HOENN REGION AS WELL
I HEARD THAT TWO OF THOSE POKÉDEXES ARE ALREADY BEING USED BY TRAINERS THERE!
THE DUO WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE GROUDON AND KYOGRE AFFAIR, RIGHT?
I REALLY HOPE ALL NINE OF US CAN GET TOGETHER SOMEDAY INCLUDING THOSE TWO IN JOHTO WE HAVEN'T MET IN A WHILE!
?!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING, DEOXYS?
JOOF
THE OTHER DEOXYS THAT TEAM ROCKET HAD USED AND DISCARDED
I AM GOING TO SEARCH FOR FOR MY "PAL" THE DEOXYS KNOWN AS "ENTITY ONE"
DEOXYS..
SHHMMM
ALSO THERE IS A METEORITE FROM OUTER SPACE IN A FARAWAY REGION. IF I CAN MAKE USE OF ITS POWER I MAY BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THIS AGONIZING SITUATION WHERE I CANNOT CHANGE FORMS ACCORDING TO MY WILL.
TIC TIC TIC
SLIDE



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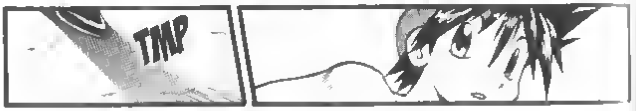
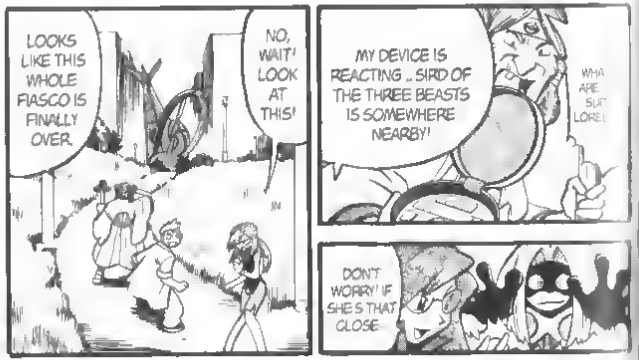
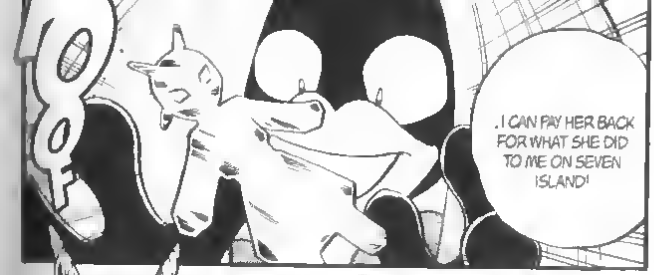



LOOKS LIKE THIS WHOLE FIASCO IS FINALLY OVER.
NO, WAIT! LOOK AT THIS!
MY DEVICE IS REACTING .. SIRD OF THE THREE BEASTS IS SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
WHA APE SUIT LORE!
DON'T WORRY! IF SHE'S THAT CLOSE



ESPECIALLY PONY-TAIL GIRL... A TRAINER WHO POWERS UP POKEMON BY ATTUNING HERSELF TO THEM... I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.
YOU MEAN YELLOW?

IT'S A PIECE OF CAKE FOR YELLOW TO CONTROL THE STRENGTH OF HER POKEMON USING HER EMOTIONS,...
FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO MEASURES EVERYTHING IN HARD NUMBERS YOU CAN NEVER UNDERSTAND AN ABILITY LIKE THAT...
MY, MY.. YOU SPEAK AS IF YOU KNOW HER ABILITIES INSIDE-OUT!
COURSE I DO! I WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT HER!

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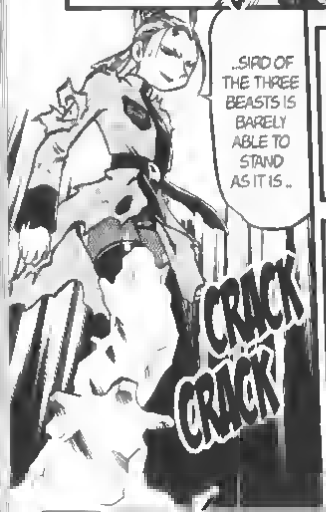
I SEE.. SO YOUR STRENGTH COMES FROM THE BOND YOU HAVE WITH EACH OTHER.
HUH?
...THAT SENSE OF UNITY AND PRIDE YOU SHARE AS POKEDEX OWNERS...
...

THAT'S WHY IT'S TOO DANGEROUS FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO BE RUNNING AROUND FREE.
CALM
I WOULD TAKE YOU DOWN RIGHT HERE AND NOW IF I COULD, BUT..



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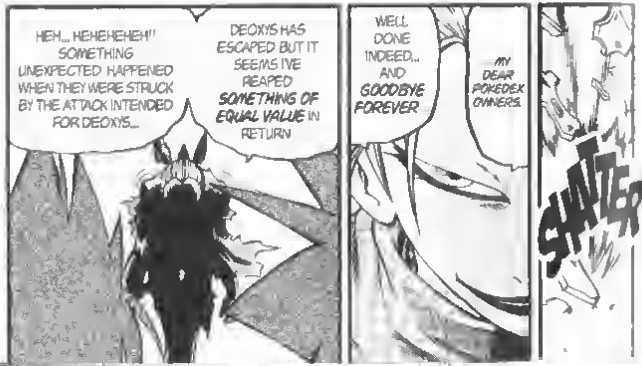
HEH... HEHEHEHEH!! SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENED WHEN THEY WERE STRUCK BY THE ATTACK INTENDED FOR DEOXYS...
DEOXYS HAS ESCAPED BUT IT SEEMS I'VE REAPED SOMETHING OF EQUAL VALUE IN RETURN
WELL DONE INDEED... AND GOODBYE FOREVER
...MY DEAR POKEDEX OWNERS.
SHATTER

YES, HELLO...?
...DEOXYS MANAGED TO COMMUNICATE WITH RED AND IT'S LEFT TEAM ROCKET TO RETURN TO THE WILD! AND THE AIRSHIP LANDED SAFELY, NOBODY WAS HURT!!

THE FIVE POKEDEX OWNERS WHO MADE THAT HAPPEN... THEY WERE ENGULFED BY A STRANGE FLASH OF LIGHT..
...AND THEY'VE ALL BEEN TURNED INTO STONE!!!

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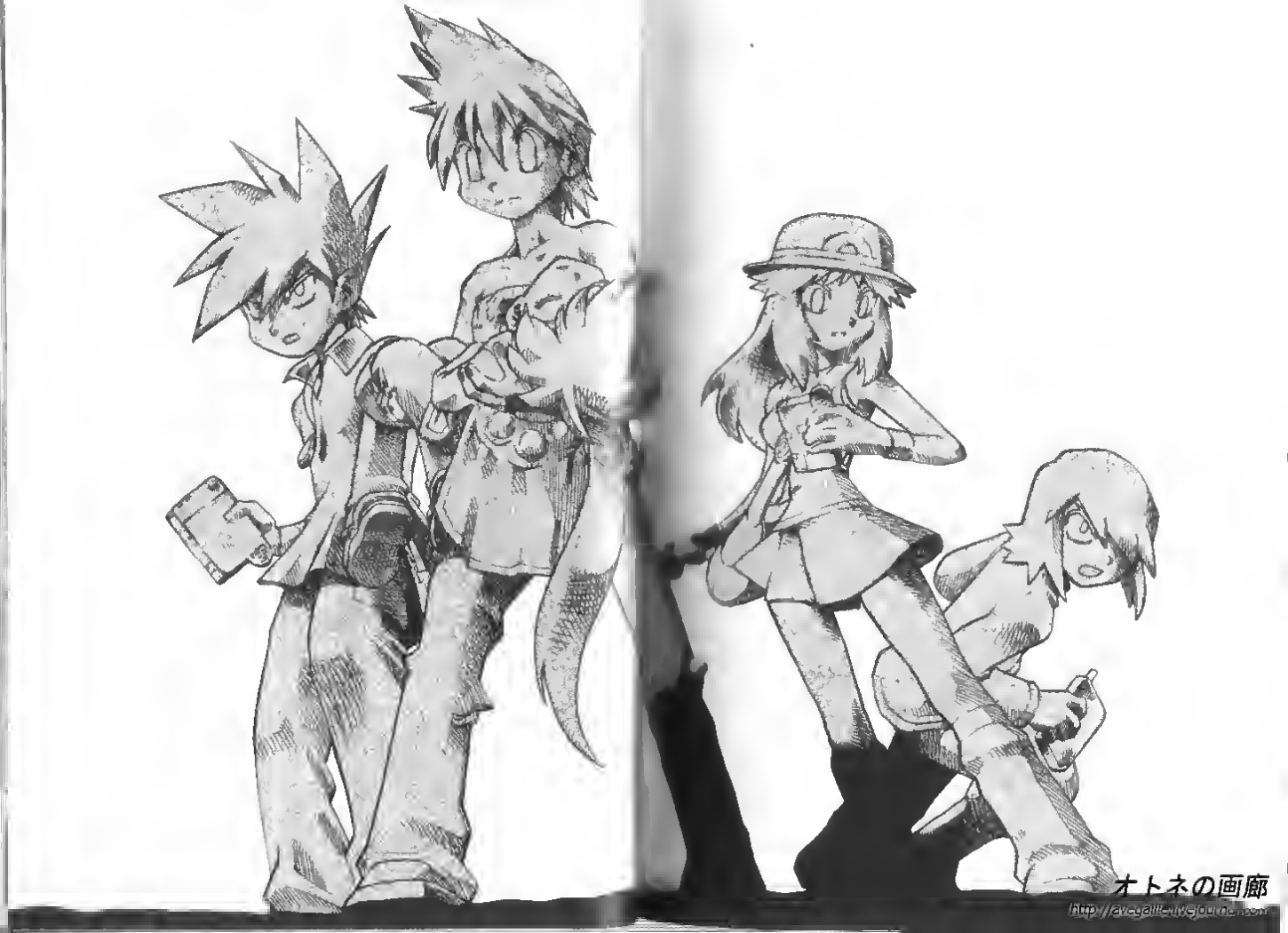

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YEAH! I WASN'T EXPECTING MUCH FROM THIS BROKEN AND SHATTERED PIECE OF STONE, BUT...
...I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CATCH 'EM IF IT WEREN'T FOR THIS THING!

YOU MUST BE THE ONLY PERSON ON THE PLANET WHO CAN COLLECT EVERY LAST FRAGMENT OF SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN SHATTERED INTO A THOUSAND PIECES AND RECONSTRUCT IT PERFECTLY BOSS! THAT'S SOME MEAN FEAT!
HA HA HA! PERSEVERANCE MY FRIEND. PERSEVERANCE

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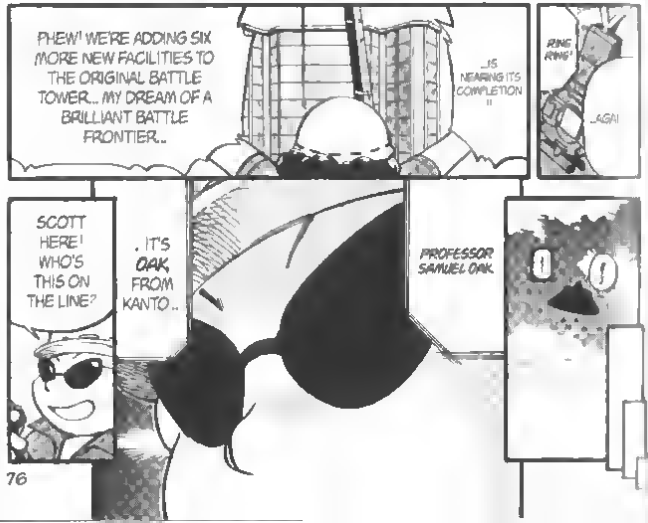
PHEW! WE'RE ADDING SIX MORE NEW FACILITIES TO THE ORIGINAL BATTLE TOWER... MY DREAM OF A BRILLIANT BATTLE FRONTIER..
...IS NEARING ITS COMPLETION !!
RING RING!
...AGAI
SCOTT HERE! WHO'S THIS ON THE LINE?
. IT'S OAK, FROM KANTO..
PROFESSOR SAMUEL OAK.

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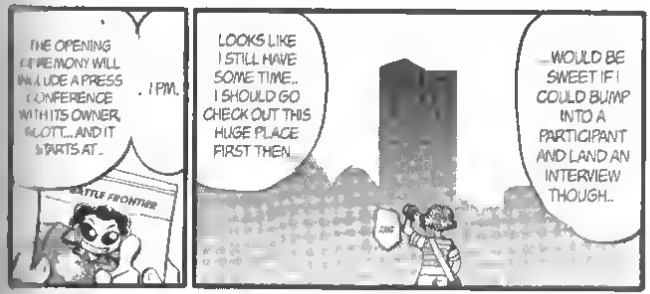
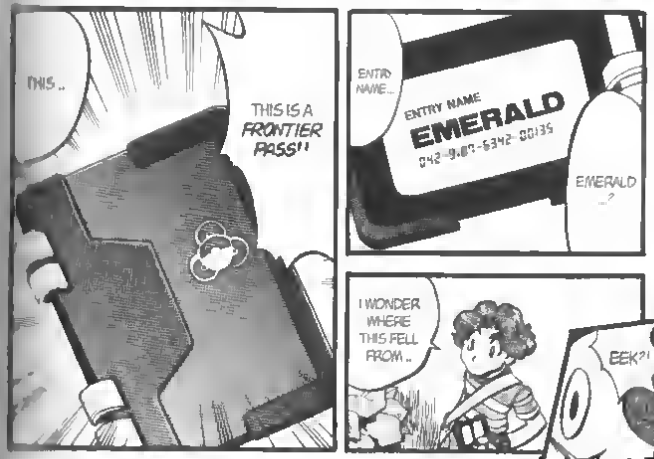
YES! THE PRESS OPEN HOUSE FOR THE BATTLE FRONTIER...
...IS FINALLY HERE!
BOOM
BOOM
CHICKS
CHICKS
TRAINERS CAN EVALUATE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THEIR SKILLS IN EACH OF THE SEVEN FACILITIES OF THE FRONTIER... IT'S LIKE THE FRONTIER FOR ALL POKEMON BATTLES!


THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE A PRESS CONFERENCE WITH ITS OWNER, SCOTT... AND IT STARTS AT... 1 PM.
BATTLE FRONTIER
LOOKS LIKE I STILL HAVE SOME TIME... I SHOULD GO CHECK OUT THIS HUGE PLACE FIRST THEN...
...WOULD BE SWEET IF I COULD BUMP INTO A PARTICIPANT AND LAND AN INTERVIEW THOUGH...

WHEW!! I REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT SUCH A BIG BOTTLE. IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE I CAN FINISH THIS THING...
BIT OF A WASTE TO JUST THROW IT AWAY SO... HERE YOU GO, TREE! DRINK UP!
PLOP



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WAIT! I BUMPED INTO A PARTICIPANT JUST LIKE I WANTED! TIME FOR AN EXCLUSIVE!
SO, YOUR NAME'S EMERALD, RIGHT? I'M HERE TO COVER THE EVENT. WOULD YOU MIND IF I ASKED YOU A FEW QUESTIONS?
ASK AWAY!
HERE'S QUESTION ONE!
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT POKEMON?
SHUFFLE
HMM?
WHOA!!
THE TREE I WATERED JUST NOW... WAS A POKEMON?!
BUT WHY IS IT SO ANGRY?!
A LITTLE HELP HERE, EMERALD? PLEASE?

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I YOU D-DON'T H HAVE A S SINGLE P* POKÉMON WITH YOU?!
YUP!
SHAKE
SHAKE
THAT'S WHY YOUR QUESTION JUST NOW.. "WHAT KIND OF POKÉMON DO YOU LIKE?", WAS IT?
I'M AFRAID I CAN'T ANSWER THAT!
BUT... BUT A-AREN'T YOU A POKÉMON TRAINER?!
YOU CAME TO THE FRONTIER BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE OF THE MANY POKÉMON LOVERS IN THE WORLD RIGHT?! ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU'RE NOT?!
SWISH
I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN?
KACHICK

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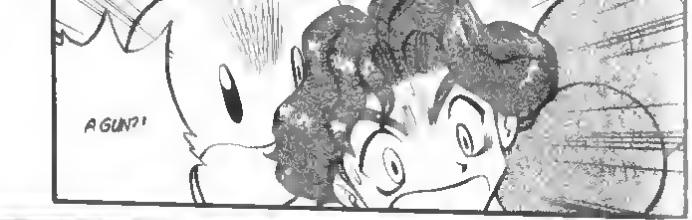
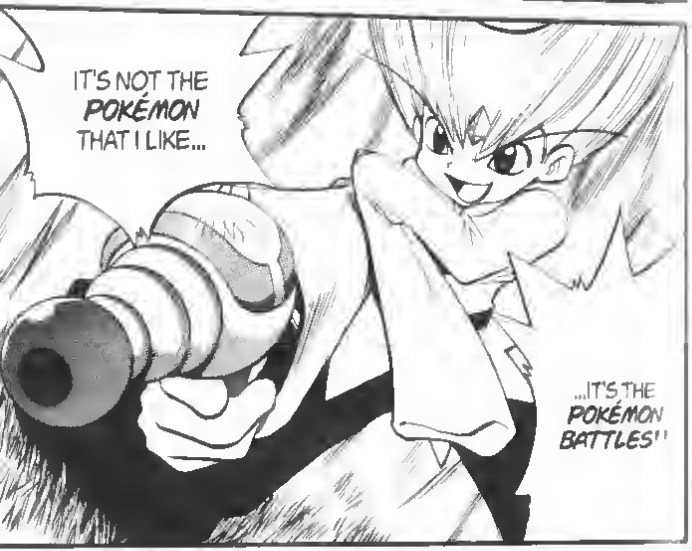




DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

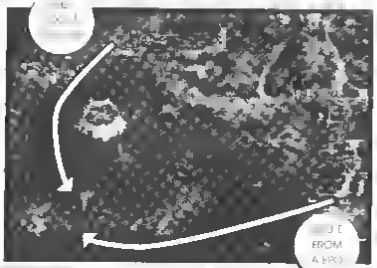
Much has been invested in this facility in order to see to its completion, and it is our sincere desire for it to become the cutting edge facility for all Pokémon battles!!

■ DURATION OF PRESS COVERAGE ■

The press will have one week of exclusive access to the facility from today onwards. After the seven day open house, the facility will be officially opened to the public for them to try their hands at the Pokémon battles here.

■ VENUE AND TRANSPORTATION ■

- The facility is located on the sea between [illegible] Town and Ever Grande City. [illegible] can enjoy the sights of Hoenn [illegible] traveling to the Battle Frontier if you [illegible] passenger ship from either [illegible] City or Lilycove City!



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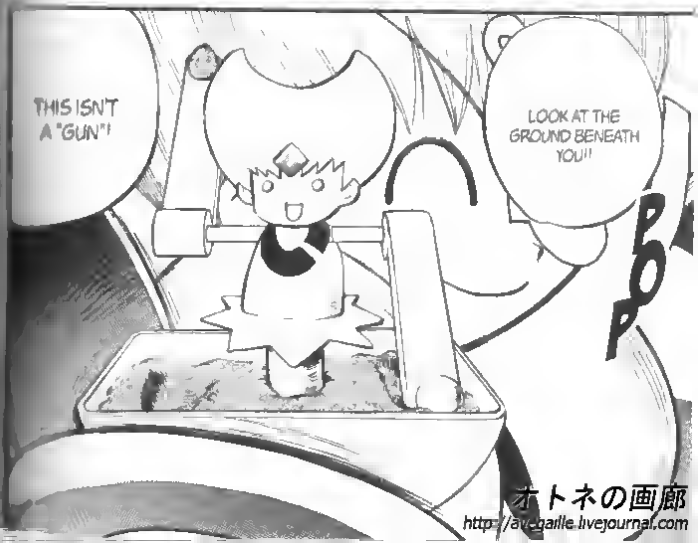
POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

IT'S NOT THE POKÉMON THAT I LIKE...
...IT'S THE POKÉMON BATTLES!!
TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT
WAAH!!
A GUN-TOTING TRAINER...?! IT DEFIES ALL LOGIC!
AHAHA WRONG AGAIN!



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WHAT THE-!!
FWOOO
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
MELLOW
YOU ASKED ME TO HELP YOU, RIGHT?
SO I'M HELPING YA!!
THUD
T THE POKE MON
EMERALD'S BULLETS FORMED A PATTERN ON THE GROUND WHICH MADE THE POKEMON SUDDENLY..
THAT POKÉMON WAS SO AGITATED. BUT NOW IT'S AS MEEK AS A MOUSE!
THERE, THERE..
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...YOU WERE PROBABLY THE ONE AT FAULT, YA KNOW.
YOU MISTOOK THE SUDOWOODO FOR A TREE AND POURED WATER ON IT OR SOMETHING, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT...
FLAP
THE SUDOWOODO MAY "PRETEND TO BE A TREE", BUT IT'S ACTUALLY A ROCK-TYPE POKEMON, SO..
IT HATE WATER GEDDIT
NEVER JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER, HEY!
JUST COZ I'M A KID DOESN'T MEAN I WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN THE BATTLE FRONTIER.
HMM
ACK!! I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THE FRONTIER!!

I WANTA GO.. GOTTA REGISTER MYSELF AS A PARTICIPANT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
SEE YA!
STRAIGHTEN
Y YEAH. THANKS.
BOING! BOING!
WAIT, EMERALD!! WHAT ABOUT THIS SUDOWOODO?!
I'M GETTING IT GO!!
YOU'RE FREE TO RETURN TO THE WILD, SUDOWOODO!
EH?!

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RUSTLE RUSTLE
RUSTLE RUSTLE
WHAT
..WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
HE DOESN'T LIKE POKEMON, BUT LIKES POKEMON BATTLES?
YET HE WAS ABLE TO CALM THE POKEMON IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE... AND HE SEEMS TO BE WELL VERSED WITH POKEMON ECOLOGY!
ALSO, IT WASN'T EASY FOR HIM TO CAPTURE THAT POKEMON, YET HE RELEASED IT BACK INTO THE WILD.. JUST LIKE THAT!
AND I THINK HE WASN'T LYING WHEN HE SAID THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY POKEMON ON HAND..
WHAT A MYSTERIOUS BOX.
EMERALD
HUH

HE FIRED THIS AT THE GROUND JUST NOW... ON CLOSER EXAMINATION, IT LOOKS JUST LIKE A LUMP OF "DIRT"
HMM.. THERE'S A STRING OF SOME SORT ATTACHED TO IT.. THIS MUST BE WHAT HE WAS USING TO ATTACK THE POKEMON WITH
HE WAS TRYING TO CALM THE POKEMON DOWN.
CRUMBLE CRUMBLE CRUMBLE
..WITH THESE.
..BULLETS
THE BATTLE FRONTIER OPENING CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE SOON
!!
ACK! I FORGOT ABOUT COVERING THE EVENT, TOO!!
PLEASE GATHER AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE..
THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH MISTER SCOTT'S ABOUT TO START!

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HOW'S EVERYONE DOING TODAY?! THE OPENING CEREMONY IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!
PRESENTING THE PRIDE OF THE BATTLE FRONTIER, THE FRONTIER BRAINS...
...LUCY AND..
SPENSA!
LET'S KICK-OFF THE CEREMONY WITH A BATTLE DEMONSTRATION!
THE TWO
...POKÉMON RANDOMLY SELECTED AND CONTROLLED BY THE COMPUTER!
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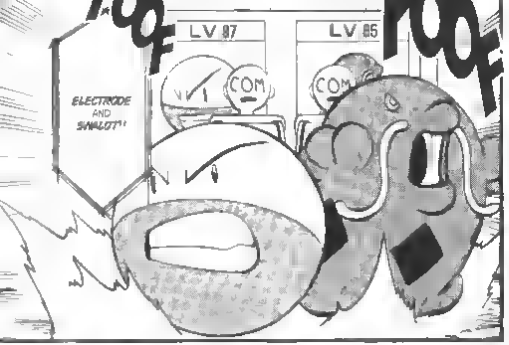

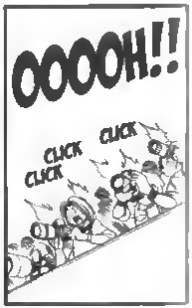

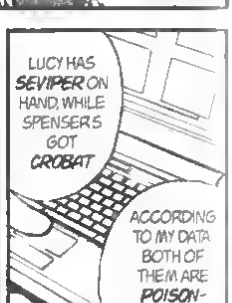

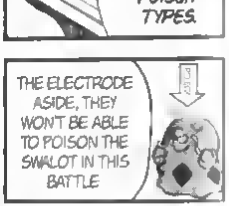

RIGHT ON, ANABEL!
VERY WELL. IF ANABEL SAYS SO, I'LL SIT BACK AND WATCH THE BATTLE.
BY THE WAY, WHERE DID TUCKER GO?
HAVEN'T SEEN 'IM ALL DAY
HE'S PROBABLY BUSY GETTIN HIMSELF ALL DOLLED UP OR SOMETHIN

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I SAY WE TAKE OUT THE EASIER ONE FIRST. WHAT SAY YOU?
EXACTLY WHAT I WAS THINKING
WELL THEN! LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!!
DASH
WHAM
CROBAT "POISON FANG"!!
SEVIPER "POISON TAIL"!!
THUMP
THEY WENT RIGHT IN FOR THE KILL, DIDN'T THEY
YEAH.
ESPECIALLY "POIS. FANG"! THE LONGE YOU'RE AFFECTED THAT SKILL, THE GRE THE DAMAGE TH ELECTRODE S A GO FER SURE

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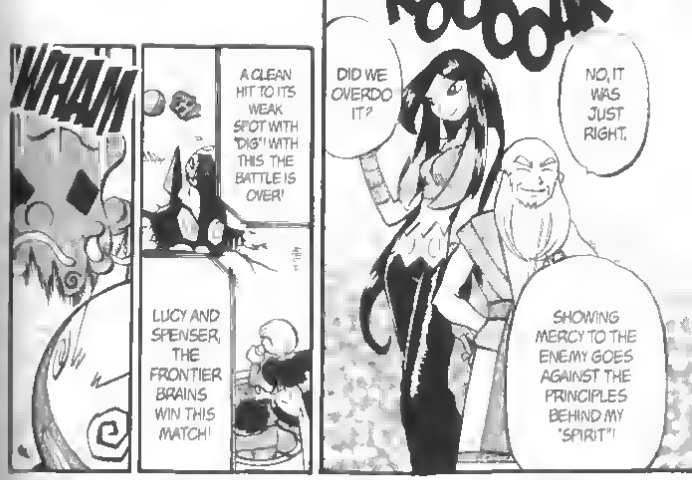
WHAM
A CLEAN HIT TO ITS WEAK SPOT WITH "DIG"! WITH THIS THE BATTLE IS OVER!
LUCY AND SPENSER, THE FRONTIER BRAINS WIN THIS MATCH!
KOOOOH
DID WE OVERDO IT?
NO, IT WAS JUST RIGHT.
SHOWING MERCY TO THE ENEMY GOES AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES BEHIND MY "SPIRIT"!

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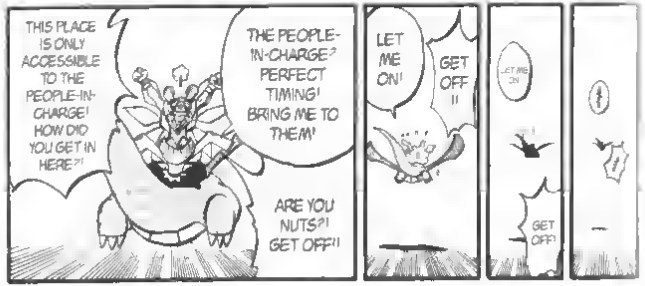
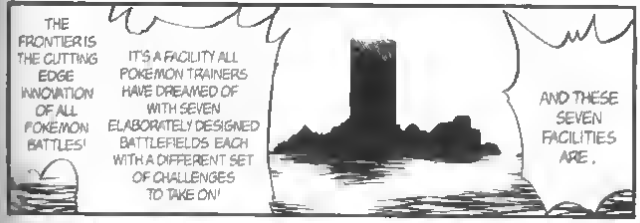
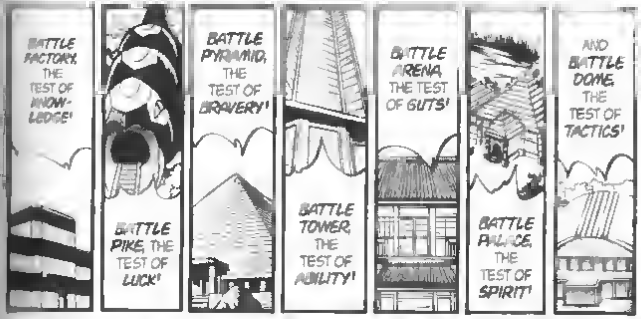
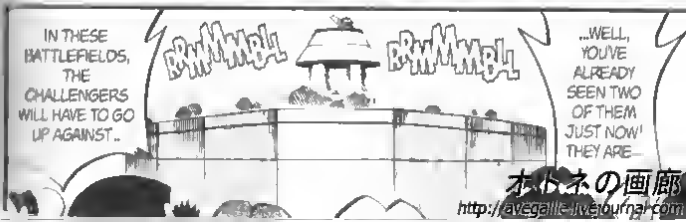

THIS PLACE IS ONLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE-IN-CHARGE! HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
THE PEOPLE-IN-CHARGE? PERFECT TIMING! BRING ME TO THEM!
ARE YOU NUTS?! GET OFF!!
LET ME ON!
GET OFF!!
LET ME ON!
GET OFF!

THANKS FOR WAITING ALL THIS TIME! DID YOU ALL ENJOY THE IMPRESSIVE BATTLE DEMONSTRATION, MY FRIENDS?!
I AM SCOTT, THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE, AT YOUR SERVICE!


THE FRONTIER IS THE CUTTING EDGE INNOVATION OF ALL POKEMON BATTLES!
IT'S A FACILITY ALL POKEMON TRAINERS HAVE DREAMED OF WITH SEVEN ELABORATELY DESIGNED BATTLEFIELDS EACH WITH A DIFFERENT SET OF CHALLENGES TO TAKE ON!
AND THESE SEVEN FACILITIES ARE,


BATTLE FACTORY, THE TEST OF KNOWLEDGE!
BATTLE PIKE, THE TEST OF LUCK!
BATTLE PYRAMID, THE TEST OF BRAVERY!
BATTLE TOWER, THE TEST OF ABILITY!
BATTLE ARENA, THE TEST OF GUTS!
BATTLE PALACE, THE TEST OF SPIRIT!
AND BATTLE DOME, THE TEST OF TACTICS!


IN THESE BATTLEFIELDS, THE CHALLENGERS WILL HAVE TO GO UP AGAINST..
BRWMMBL
BRWMMBL
...WELL, YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN TWO OF THEM JUST NOW! THEY ARE—

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WHAT THE—
EEK!
W-WHO ARE YOU?!
ME?
STRONG!
POP
MY NAME'S EMERALD!
I LOVE POKÉMON BATTLES!!
MY NAME IS EMERALD!
AND I'VE COME HERE TO CONQUER THE BATTLE FRONTIER
IS THIS THE FRONT DESK? ARE YOU THE RECEPTIONIST, UNCLE?
I'M SCOTT, THE OWNER OF THIS PLACE—!! AND YOU JUST GATE CRASHED A PRESS CONFERENCE!!
EMERALD TUCKER-MYAW

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

We will now take this opportunity to elaborate a little about the overall rules of the facilities during matches.

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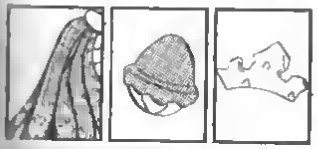
■RESTRICTION OF POKÉMON■

When trainers take on the different Battle Facilities, they cannot use two or more Pokémon of the same species.

* For those wishing to enter Eggs, Mirage or Legendary type species of Pokémon, kindly consult us prior to participating.
* Depending on the verdict of the discussion, you may not be allowed to use those species.
* Allowances to use these species may be approved by the Frontier Brain of individual facilities.



■ABOUT THE USAGE OF TOOLS■

With the exception of battle items, trainers are not allowed to use any tools in their battles. Only "decorative items" that the Pokémon already has by nature are permitted in the battles.

■ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SKILLS ALLOWED IN A TOURNAMENT

During a match, each Pokémon is allowed to use up to a maximum of four skills. Trainers will not be able to use any skill not that has not been registered with us beforehand.

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VS. ILLUMISE

POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD

AT THE BATTLE TOWER.
POLI'T
OF ALL THE TIMES YOU COULD CHOOSE TO UP, YOU HAD TO O SO WHEN RONTIER WERE ON STAGE!!
THE NERVE OF THIS PRANKSTER!!

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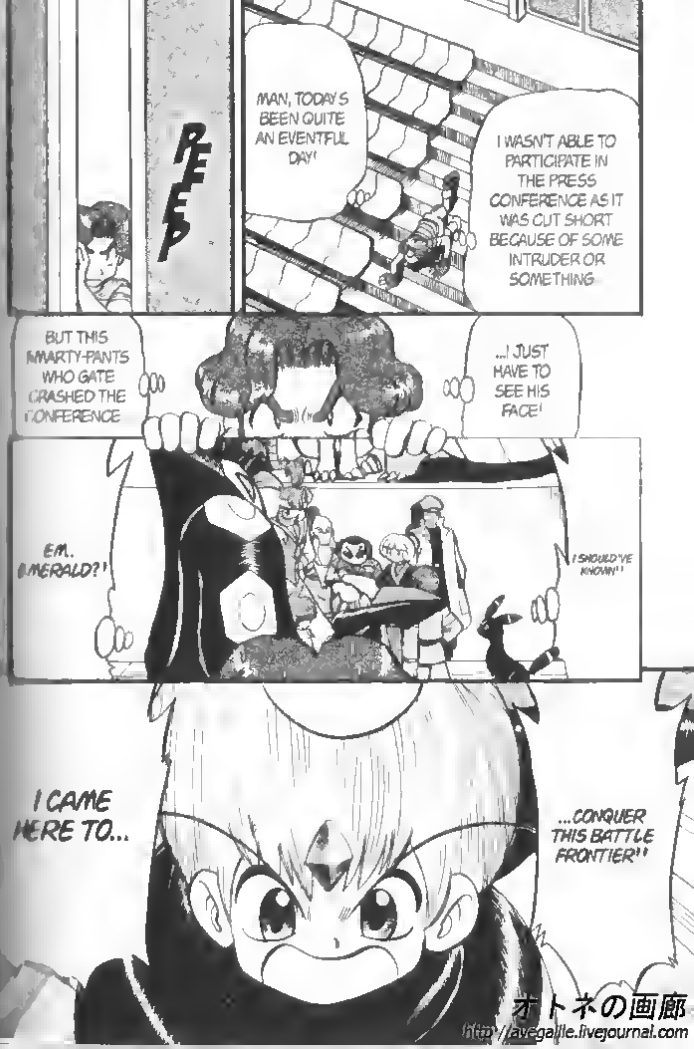
BEEP
MAN, TODAY'S BEEN QUITE AN EVENTFUL DAY!
I WASN'T ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE AS IT WAS CUT SHORT BECAUSE OF SOME INTRUDER OR SOMETHING
BUT THIS SMARTY-PANTS WHO GATE CRASHED THE CONFERENCE
...I JUST HAVE TO SEE HIS FACE!
EH.. EMERALD?!
I SHOULD'VE KNOWN!!
I CAME HERE TO...
...CONQUER THIS BATTLE FRONTIER!!

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LEMME BATTLE, LEMME BATTLE, LEMME BATTLE!!
LEMME TAKE ON THE BATTLE FRONTIER!!
WE'VE HEARD THAT STORY LOTSA TIMES, KIDDO!!
BUT HAVING THE FRONTIER PASS DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO AROUND DOING ANYTHING YOU LIKE YKNOW!!
TWHACK

"SEEMS WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN AROUND THIS FELLA.
THAT'S RIGHT! DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'VE DONE?! THE REPORTERS WHO CAME FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY HAVE WASTED THEIR DAY HERE BECAUSE OF YOU!

THIS IS THE NEWS AT SIX.
UP FIRST, A REPORT ON THE NEW FACILITY CALLED THE "BATTLE FRONTIER". THE OWNER OF THE FACILITY HELD AN OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE PRESS TODAY...

MY NAME'S EMERALD! I LOVE POKEMON BATTLES!
AND I'VE COME HERE TO CONQUER THE BATTLE FRONTIER!!
THE ORGANIZERS EVEN ARRANGED FOR AN ORDINARY TRAINER TO TAKE PART IN THE CEREMONY! THE PERFORMANCE WAS A NOVEL CONCEPT, SO NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE PRESS CONFERENCE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

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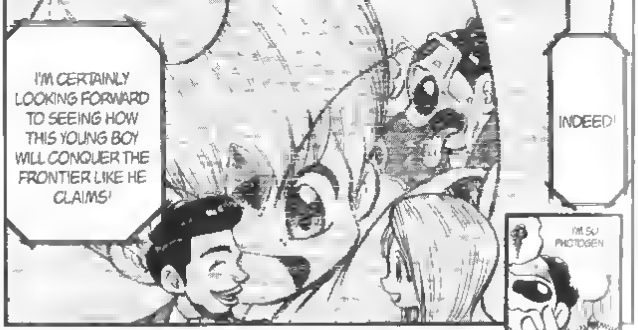
I'M CERTAINLY LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING HOW THIS YOUNG BOY WILL CONQUER THE FRONTIER LIKE HE CLAIMS!
INDEED!
I'M SU PHOTOGEN

WHAT NOW, OWNER? THE BATTLE FRONTIER HIGHLY VALUES GOOD MANNERS IN TRAINERS. BY RIGHT, AN OUTRAGE LIKE THIS SHOULD NOT GO UNPUNISHED..
WE SHOULD CONFISCATE HIS FRONTIER PASS AND STRIP HIM OF HIS RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE
BUT..

HMM...THEN AGAIN, WE NEVER THOUGHT HIS WHOLE SPEECH ABOUT CONQUERING THE FRONTIER WOULD BECOME SUCH A BIG DEAL..
...I MEAN.. IF WE ARE TO STOP HIM FROM TAKING PART... THE PRESS WON'T BE HAPPY AT ALL...

WE'LL GO ALONG WITH THE PRESS MISCONCEPTION AND PRETEND THAT THIS BOY'S CHALLENGE IS ALL PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY PERFORMANCE
SOMETHING THIS ATTENTION GRABBING CAN BE A USEFUL FORM OF LARGE-SCALE ADVERTISING FOR THE BATTLE FRONTIER, TOO
MY WORD!

FORTUNATELY, TODAY IS ONLY THE OPENING CEREMONY EVENT WE'RE STILL A WEEK AWAY FROM THE ACTUAL OPENING OF THE FACILITY, WHEN NORMAL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART
UNTIL THEN, YOU HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO PROVE YOURSELF, BOY
SLIDE
AFTER ALL THAT HARPING ABOUT HOW YOU'RE HERE TO CONQUER THE FRONTIER, YOU MUST BE CONFIDENT THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT US RIGHT?

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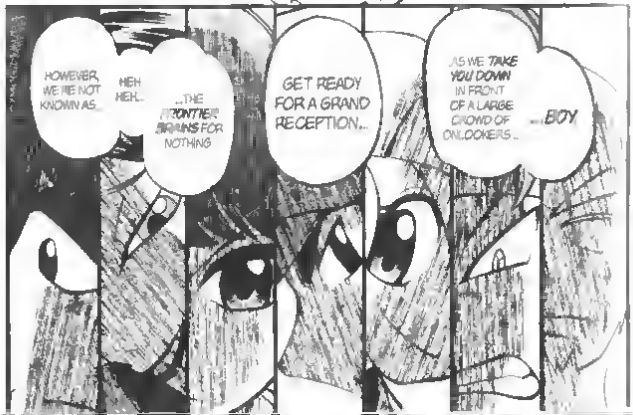
HOWEVER, WE'RE NOT KNOWN AS...
HEH HEH...
...THE FRONTIER BRAINS FOR NOTHING
GET READY FOR A GRAND RECEPTION...
AS WE TAKE YOU DOWN IN FRONT OF A LARGE CROWD OF ONLOOKERS...
...BOY

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THIS BOY HAS INSULTED NOT JUST THE BATTLE FRONTIER, BUT US FRONTIER BRAINS AS WELL. YOU CANNOT EXPECT ME TO SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING AFTER THAT.
DRAG
DRAG
BE SOBS
I DESPISE FLIPPANT PEOPLE LIKE HIM! I CANNOT EVEN SENSE A SHRED OF "KNOWLEDGE" IN HIS FRIVOLOUS HEAD!!
TOSS
WOAH!
I'M NOLAND, AND I HOLD THE TITLE OF "HEAD"!
FACTORY HEAD NOLAND IS MY NAME! I'LL BE WAITING!!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
OH... NO!!
CRUNK
CRUNK
CRUNK
HEY!! EMERALD!!
IS HE OKAY?
10
DARN IT.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
THAT STUPID SHOE MAKER!! JUST A LITTLE SHAKE AND THE HEELS COME TUMBLING OFF?! WHAT IS THIS?!
NOT AGAIN..
STOMP
STOMP
WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW, EMERALD?! WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO RILE THE FRONTIER BRAINS UP FOR, ANYWAY?! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVOKED THEM AND CAUSED SUCH A BIG COMMOTION!!
OH, COME ON! LIGHTEN UP!
DON'T YOU "COME ON" ME!! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THE FRONTIER BRAINS ARE?! THEY'RE THE STRONGEST ARMY OF TRAINERS WHO LIE IN WAIT FOR CHALLENGERS IN THESE FACILITIES!
NOW THAT THEY'RE COMBINING THEIR EFFORTS TO TRY TO GET RID OF YOU...
YAWN...
NOD
LISTEN TO ME!!

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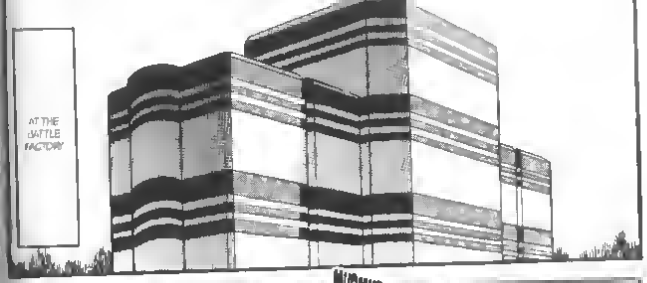
YOU KNOW...I'M HERE TO CONQUER THE FRONTIER, SO THAT MEANS I'LL HAVE TO BATTLE AGAINST THEM SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY.
SO DON'T SWEAT IT!
STRETCH



I HEARD THAT TODAY'S EVENT REGARDING THAT BOY FROM YESTERDAY'S DEMONSTRATION TAKING ON ONE OF THE FRONTIER BRAINS WAS HASTILY ARRANGED?
MURMUR
YES, BUT THIS WAY, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT THE RULES OF THE FACILITIES ARE BY WATCHING AN ACTUAL BATTLE!
THIS'LL BE A GREAT SHOW!

THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE HELD IN THE BATTLE FACTORY... I WONDER WHAT KIND OF BATTLEFIELD THIS PLACE IS?
ZZZZ
SHH! IT'S STARTING!
GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I AM NOLAND, THE TRAINER IN CHARGE OF THE BATTLE FACTORY.
CLANG
I HOLD THE TITLE OF "HEAD". PLEASE ADDRESS ME AS FACTORY HEAD NOLAND.

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TROT TROT
EMERALD
SINGLE OR DOUBLE?
LEVEL?
FIFTY
WELL THEN CHALLENGER...
WHRRRRRRRL
...CHOOSE YOUR RENTAL POKÉMON!
R-RENTAL?!
THAT'S RIGHT CHALLENGERS OF THIS FACILITY...
...DO NOT NEED TO HAVE ANY POKÉMON ON HAND!
THEY ARE TO CHOOSE THREE POKÉMON FROM AMONG THESE RENTAL POKÉMON AND USE THEM TO DO BATTLE

TO BE ENTIRELY FAIR, I WILL NOT BE BRINGING ANY PREDETERMINED POKÉMON INTO THE BATTLE...
...I WILL SELECT MY POKÉMON FROM THESE RENTAL POKÉMON AS WELL
HMM...
AFTER CHECKING THE POKÉMON'S USABLE SKILLS, SPEED, ATTACK...
...DEFENSE AND HELD ITEMS...
SKARMORY (MALE) HELD ITEM
LUDICOLO (MALE) HELD ITEM
RHYHORN HELD ITEM
ALL RIGHT! I'VE CHOSEN MINE!
FLICKER
THEN IT IS TIME!
ROOOOOOOOOAR
LET THE BATTLE...

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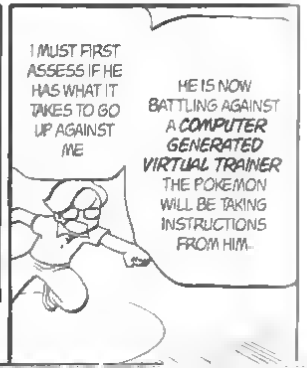
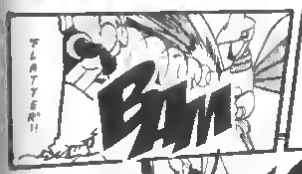

I MUST FIRST ASSESS IF HE HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO GO UP AGAINST ME
HE IS NOW BATTLING AGAINST A COMPUTER GENERATED VIRTUAL TRAINER THE POKEMON WILL BE TAKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIM.

IN THE BATTLE FACTORY, YOU FIGHT SEVEN BATTLES IN ONE SET
THE CHALLENGER WILL ONLY FACE ME IN THE SEVENTH BATTLE OF THE SIXTH SET
OF COURSE..
..IF HE LOSES EVEN ONE BATTLE ALONG THE WAY, THEN IT'S THE END FOR HIM!



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EMERALD KNOCKS OUT ALL THREE OF HIS OPPONENT'S POKEMON! THIS BATTLE IS OVER!
PHEW!
FIZZLE
HE HAS TO FIGHT SEVEN BATTLES LIKE THIS TO MAKE UP AN ENTIRE SET... AND THE SEVENTH BATTLE OF THE SIXTH SET WOULD MEAN...
GULP
...THAT EMERALD HAS TO WIN 91 BATTLES IN A ROW BEFORE HE CAN EVEN GET TO GO UP AGAINST THE FRONTIER BRAIN?!
AM I ALLOWED TO RECOVER AFTER EVERY BATTLE?
SPRAYING
OF COURSE
WHIRRL
YOU MADE A GOOD JUDGMENT CALL JUST NOW
IF YOU HAD INSISTED ON YOUR INITIAL STRATEGY TO USE SKARMORY'S FLYING SKILLS TO BRING DOWN ILLUMISE, YOU WOULD HAVE SELF-DESTRUCTED FROM THE CONFUSION.
HE'S RIGHT AND WHAT MAKES IT EVEN MORE IMPRESSIVE

...IS THAT HE WASN'T EVEN USING THE POKEMON HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH!
HE WAS USING RENTAL POKEMON THAT HE HAD ONLY JUST COME INTO CONTACT WITH TODAY! IF THAT DOESN'T SPEAK VOLUMES ABOUT HIS STRONG SENSE OF JUDGMENT, THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES!"
IT APPEARS YOU NOW UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY OF THIS FACILITY
THAT IS WHY YOU NEED DEEP "KNOWLEDGE" ABOUT THE TYPES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES OF A VARIETY OF POKEMON IN ORDER TO TAKE ON THE BATTLE FACTORY!"
"KNOW-LEDGE"!
THE OTHER GREAT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE BATTLES FOUGHT HERE... IS TRADING!
CHALLEN-GER
YOU HAVE EARNED YOURSELF THE RIGHT TO TRADE!
YOU CAN NOW CHOOSE TO RELEASE ONE OF THE POKEMON YOU CURRENTLY HAVE
...IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE OF THE POKEMON FROM AMONG THE THREE YOU HAD FOUGHT AGAINST.

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THE CHALLENGER HAS TO CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON WHILE DOING BATTLE, BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY HE CAN GET THE TEAM HE WANTS IS BY TRADING WITH THE OPPONENT!
THAT'S WHAT THE BATTLE FACTORY IS ALL ABOUT!!
BOOM
BATTLE TWO... BEGIN!!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

Please allow us to continue explaining the overall rules of the facilities.

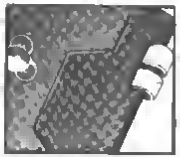
SCOTT

■NUMERICAL DISPLAY OF POKÉMON STRENGTH FOR CONVENIENCE■

To be fair, the Battle Factory displays the strength of each Pokémon in a unique way, which we know as "Levels". Participants will be able to verify the "Level" of the Pokémon they will battle with, as well as their Pokémon, before a match begins.

TWO CATEGORIES TO CHOOSE FROM BEFORE TAKING ON A CHALLENGE - "LEVEL 50" AND "OPEN LEVEL"

You can choose to battle in two different categories based on the levels mentioned above. The "Level 50" category is for all Pokémon Level 50 and below. The "Open Level" category is opened to Pokémon of all levels.



■ABOUT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE FRONTIER PASS■

A Frontier Pass is issued to all challengers as proof of participation. This pass can tell you your current location and has various other functions as well. It will store your overall battle record and details of one match you particularly want to save. You will also be able to replay a video of that match.

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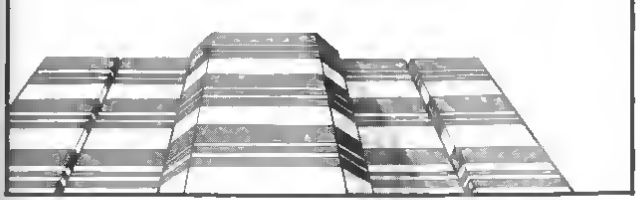
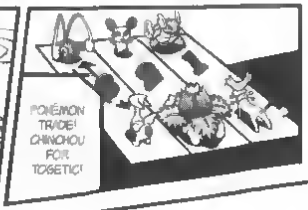
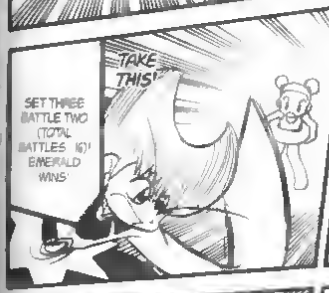
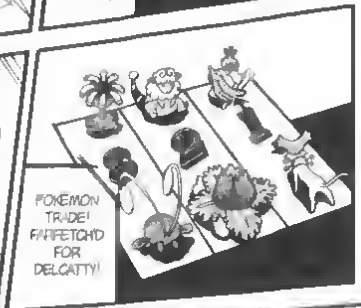
VS. PINSIR

POCKET MONSTER SPECIAL THE SIXTH CHAPTER EMERALD









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IT TAKES AROUND 15 MINUTES FOR HIM TO WIN ONE BATTLE ..HE'S ALREADY FOUGHT FOR OVER FOUR HOURS AND HE'S NOT EVEN NEAR THE HALFWAY MARK!
I THINK THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS WHO CAME TO COVER THE EVENT HAVE ALREADY GIVEN UP...
BISH
BASH
BISH BASH

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OW OW THAT WAS SOME HIT! THE DAMAGE MUST BE HUGE!
TAKE A TURN TO RECOVER!
ROLL
SLAKING! "SLACK OFF"!
SMASH
AND WHILE YOU'RE RECOVER-ING..
"FAINT ATTACK"!!
GOOD JOB! TIME TO TRADE AGAIN!
I'M GOING TO LET GO OF SLAKING...
...IN EXCHANGE FOR THE OPPONENT'S LINOONE
WHAT?! SHOULDN'T YOU BE KEEPING SLAKING, SINCE HE'S SO STRONG?! THIS IS A MISTAKE, EMERALD!!
2
1
UH OH!!
YES! HE NOTICED IT!

TOILET BREAK!! I NEED TO GO!!
SHHHHH
AAAH.. FEELING MUCH BETTER NOW..
AH THERE YOU ARE..
WAH!
WHERE ON EARTH ARE YOU AIMING AT?! DO YOUR BUSINESS PROPERLY AT THE TOILET!!
GWAH!! DON'T PULL ME LIKE THAT!! IT'S GONNA GET ON MY PANTS!!
SO.. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
TOILET
I DON'T WANT ANYTHING!
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU! HAVEN'T YOU REALIZED THAT YOU'VE MADE A WRONG DECISION JUST NOW? THE LONG BATTLING MUST'VE GOTTEN TO YOU!
A WRONG DECISION
ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT MY BATTLE STRATEGY AND CHOICE OF POKÉMON IS WRONG?!
YES, I AM!!

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I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LET THAT STRONG SLAKING GO!
OH, YOU MEAN THAT? YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
I WON'T DENY THAT SLAKING IS STRONG...
...BEING A NORMAL TYPE POKÉMON IT HAS VERY FEW WEAK NESSES, HOWEVER.
...DON'T FORGET! WE STILL HAVE TO TAKE NOTE OF THE "ORDER AND ROLE" OF THINGS!
ORDER AND ROLE?
SMACK=
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S DIFFICULT TO USE SLAKING TO LEAD
POKÉMON ONE HAS THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF BEING THE "LEAD"..
FOOTWORK IS MORE IMPORTANT IN THAT POSITION, SINCE I NEED IT TO DEAL OUT CONSECUTIVE DAMAGE!
POKÉMON TWO SHOULD BE THE "MAIN FORCE" OF THE TEAM!
THE POKÉMON WHO OCCUPIES THIS SP... MUST BE ABLE TO U... MANY DIFFERENT TY... OF SKILLS AND CO... WITH OPPONENTS WH... HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES

THE THIRD POKÉMON IS THE "REAR GUARD" IT'S SOMETHING LIKE THE BACKUP SO I PREFER TO HAVE A POKÉMON WITH STRONG DEFENSE IN THIS SPOT.
HAVING A POKÉMON WHO HAS STRONG ATTACKS AND GOOD STAMINA IN THIRD POSITION WILL BE REASSURING!
I CAN'T CHOOSE THE ORDER OF APPEARANCE OF THE THREE POKÉMON ON MY TEAM, RIGHT?
THEREFORE, ANY POKÉMON WHO ISN'T SUITABLE FOR ALL THREE ROLES WILL HAVE TO GO NO MATTER HOW STRONG THEY MAY BE
IN OTHER WORDS, MY TEAM HAS TO HAVE GOOD BALANCE!
GETS SO
MY NOSE!
I'M JUST LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS ATTACKED BY SUDOWOODO..
HE GIVES THE IMPRESSION THAT HE'S JUST GOING WITH THE FLOW... WHEN IN FACT HE'S VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT POKÉMON
ALL RIGHT! 23 MORE BATTLES TO GO! LET'S MAKE OUR VICTORY SHORT AND SWEET!!
DASH

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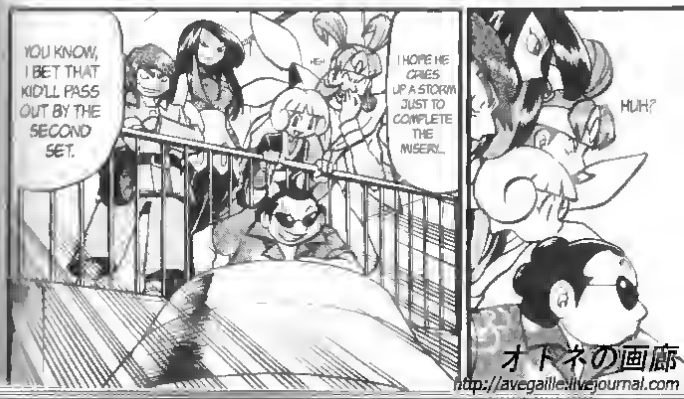
BANG
BANG
BANG
SET FIVE, BATTLE THREE (TOTAL BATTLES-31)!!
LINOONE! "FRUSTRATION"!!
BATTLE FOUR (TOTAL BATTLES 32)!!
BATTLE FIVE (TOTAL BATTLES 33)!!
BATTLE (TOTAL BATTLE 34
HE'S RIGHT!
THE LINOONE IS SPECTACULAR!
"FRUSTRATION" IS A NORMAL TYPE SKILL.
IT WORKS VERY WELL FOR LINOONES.
NOT ONLY THAT, THE MORE THE POKEMON DISLIKE ITS TRAINER, THE STRONGER THIS ATTACK SKILL WILL BE. IT SUITS REIJI'S POKEMON VERY WELL

LOOK AT THE LINOONE'S HELD ITEM!
WHAT'S THAT?
HEH HEH HEH. THIS CHALLENGER...
THE "CHOICE SCARF"
IT INCREASES THE POWER OF THE POKEMON'S ATTACK BUT IN EXCHANGE THE POKEMON IS ONLY ABLE TO USE ONE SKILL
HE HAS A LOT MORE "KNOWLEDGE" THAN I GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR.
HOWEVER, HOW WILL YOU FARE FROM NOW ON...?
HEEEY! NO LAND!
THRONG
THRONG



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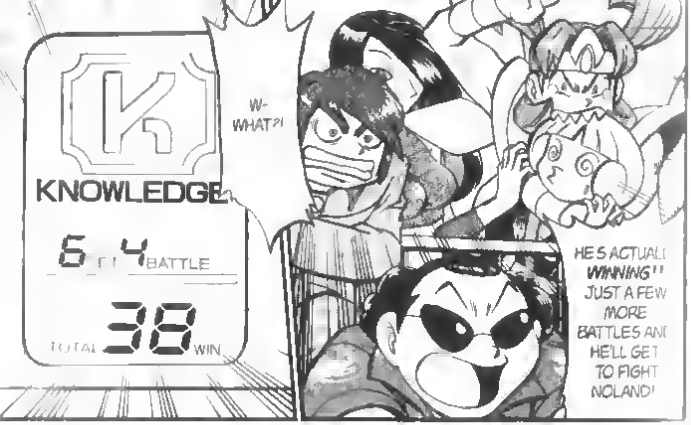
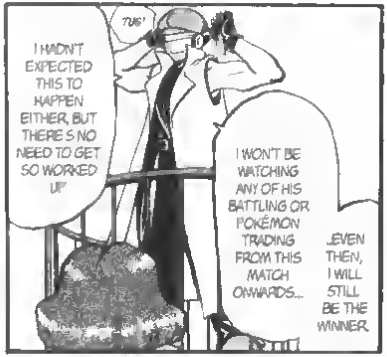
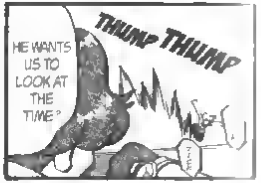
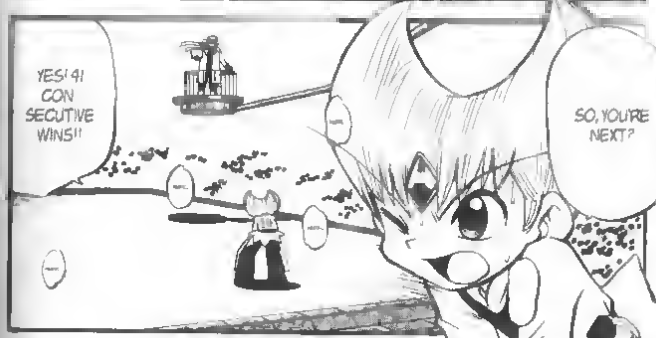
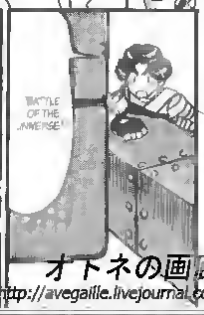



TUG!
I HADN'T EXPECTED THIS TO HAPPEN EITHER, BUT THERE'S NO NEED TO GET SO WORKED UP!
I WON'T BE WATCHING ANY OF HIS BATTLING OR POKÉMON TRADING FROM THIS MATCH ONWARDS...
...EVEN THEN, I WILL STILL BE THE WINNER.



THE OPPONENT'S POKÉMON HAS THE HELD ITEM 'LEFTOVERS' AS WELL... AND THEY'RE STARTING TO USE MORE HEALING SKILLS!
MUNCH MUNCH
THIS LONG BATTLE IS DEFINITELY MAKING EMERALD TIRED AS WELL!





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I'LL BE USING RENTAL POKÉMON LIKE YOU.
SUMMON ALL OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE... YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT.
SET SIX, BATTLE SEVEN THE 42ND BATTLE!!
BEGIN!!
BOOM

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THEIR FIRST POKÉMON...
NOLAND HAS A MAWILE, AND EMERALD IS STILL USING THE LINOONE HE GOT THROUGH TRADING JUST NOW!
FIRST MOVE'S MINE!
GO, LINOONE!!
RAMTTE RAMTTE
YOU CAN HAVE THE FIRST MOVE
TURN
THIS IS THE SKILL I WANTED TO USE!
"FOCUS PUNCH"!!
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"FOCUS PUNCH"!
ALTHOUGH IT'S A POWERFUL ATTACK, YOU HAVE TO LET THE OPPONENT STRIKE FIRST BEFORE YOU CAN USE IT! ALSO, IF THE OPPONENT HITS YOU BEFORE YOU STRIKE, THEN THE ATTACK IS NULLIFIED!
I SEE! FACTORY HEAD NOLAND'S STRATEGY SHOWS US THAT
BATTLE OF THE
"...THIS IS A SHOWDOWN FULL OF RISKS! THAT'S WHAT THIS "BATTLE OF THE UNIVERSE" MEANS!
THAT LINOONE IS ALREADY AT ITS LIMITS.
STILL, MY MAWILE IS NO MATCH FOR ITS "FRUSTRATION" ATTACK.
TIME TO USE "IRON DEFENSE"!
SMACK
SWITCH !!
BOOM
PINSIR!

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SNAP
OPEN
QUITE A POWERFUL ONE YOU'VE GOT THERE
BUT YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR THE WELL BALANCED SKILLS OF MY MAWILE!
IT'S "FLAMETHROWER" WILL BURN YOUR BUG-TYPE POKÉMON TO ASHES
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! I SAID TO USE "FLAMETHROWER", NOT "IRON DEFENSE"...
?!
THIS.. THIS IS...
...THE CHOICE SCARF?!
THIS ITEM MAKES THE POKÉMON ABLE TO ONLY USE ONE SKILL... WHY DOES MY MAWILE...
DON'T TELL ME
CHOICE SCARF
LUM BERRY
YUP! I USED THE "TRICK" SKILL AND EXCHANGED MY POKÉMON'S HELD ITEM WITH THE OPPONENT'S!
MY LINOONE DID THIS JUST BEFORE THE SWITCH, SO YOUR "LUM BERRY" NOW BELONGS TO ME

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HE USED A "ROCK TYPE" SKILL AGAINST PINSIR!
THAT WAS PINSIR'S WEAKNESS! ONE STRIKE WAS ALL IT TOOK!
ONE MORE TIME, LINOONE!
"DIG"!!
IT'S USE-LESS!
YOUR LINOONE IS BARELY ALIVE FROM ITS FIGHT AGAINST MY MAMVLE!
STOMP
STOMP
IT WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN ANY OF MY POKÉMON IN A BATTLE OF STRENGTH!!
KNOCK OUT
LINOONE ♂ NORMAL TYPE
ABILITY: PICKUP
• TRICK
• RAGE
• STRATAGEM
• UNDERSWAY
HELD ITEM: LUM BERRY
THAT WAS A "DOUBLE EDGE"!!
FLOP
EMERALD'S TEAM IS DOWN TO ONE POKÉMON NOW!
HEH HEH! YOU MUST HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D WIN WHEN YOU UNLEASHED PINSIR, YOUR SECOND POKÉMON...
IT'S A POWERFUL POKÉMON WITH GREAT SKILLS AND ABILITY
HOW-EVER!!

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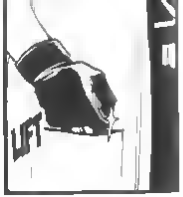
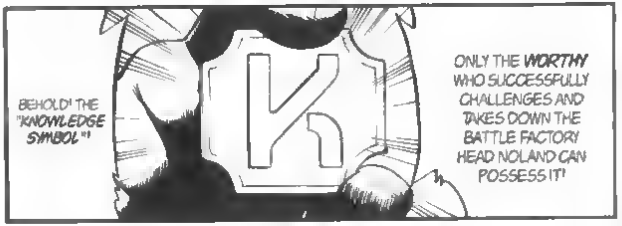
EVEN A POWERFUL POKÉMON LIKE THAT CAN BE CRUSHED TO THE GROUND IN A SPLIT SECOND DEPENDING ON HOW THE BATTLE GOES!
THAT IS WHAT MAKES POKÉMON BATTLES SO FEARSOME AND INTERESTING AT THE SAME TIME!




BEHOLD! THE "KNOWLEDGE SYMBOL"!
ONLY THE WORTHY WHO SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGES AND TAKES DOWN THE BATTLE FACTORY HEAD NOLAND CAN POSSESS IT!

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■ ABOUT DOUBLE KNOCK OUTS ■

In the Battle Dome and Battle Arena Facilities, a battle will take place. If a trainer draws with one of the Frontier Brains of the facilities, the Frontier Brain will be considered the winner.

■ ABOUT BATTLE POINTS ■

Trainers will be awarded BP (Battle Points) according to how well they do in each facility. If you collect enough points, you will be able to exchange them for prizes at the merchandise counter.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE FACTORY

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SINGLE	THREE	KNOWLEDGE	[illegible]
DOUBLE	THREE		

A facility where trainers battle using rental Pokémon. You are to choose three Pokémon from six randomly selected Pokémon. Every time a battle is won, you can trade one of your Pokémon with one of the opponent's. The acquired Pokémon will occupy the same spot of the Pokémon that has been traded away.

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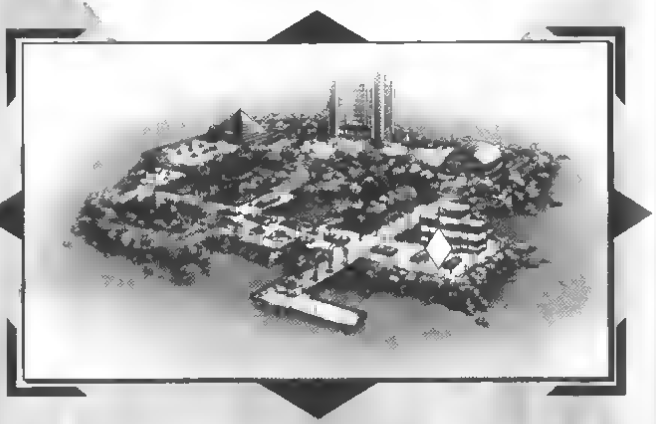
VS. GLALIE



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WHY IS HE BEING ATTACKED...
..BY HIS OWN RENTAL POKEMON?!
HEY, HEY! CALM DOWN!!
AMBIENT NOUND
THE CLOUD OF DUST IS TOO THICK! HE HASN'T NOTICED ANYTHING AT ALL!!

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HMPH!
THE CLOUD OF DUST HAS SETTLED.
NOW!
GLARE
THAT VICIOUS GLINT IN THE SCEPTILE'S EYE HAS VANISHED!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID, BUT NO AMOUNT OF PETTY TRICKS CAN HELP YOU TRIUMPH OVER FACTORY HEAD NOLAND!
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
I KNOW THAT!!

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MUNCH MUNCH
IT'S TRYING TO RECOVER SOME VITALITY BY EATING ITS HELD ITEM, "LEFTOVERS"!
HAH! HOW LONG CAN THAT LAST?
THE OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS ARE RIGHT!
..EVEN AN AMATEUR LIKE ME CAN TELL THAT THE MATCH WON'T JUST END LIKE THIS!
NOLAND'S GLALIE HAS A TRUMP CARD, AND THAT'S..
..THE "SHEER COLD" ATTACK!!
IT'S AN ATTACK THAT WILL KNOCK THE OPPONENT OUT FOR SURE!!
WHAT NOW, EMERALD?!
SPIT
THERE IT COMES
FLASH
"ICE BEAM"?!
BLAM
BLAM

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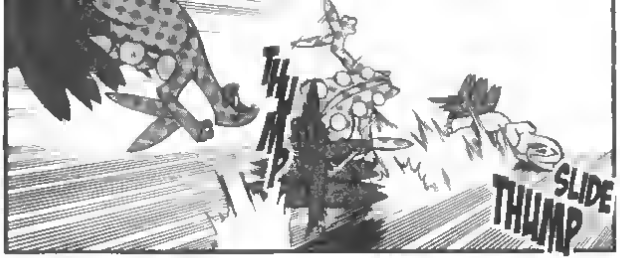
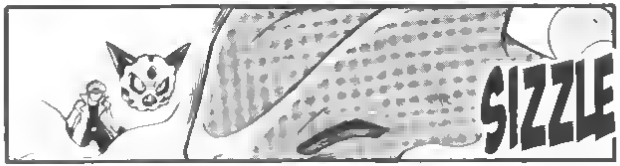
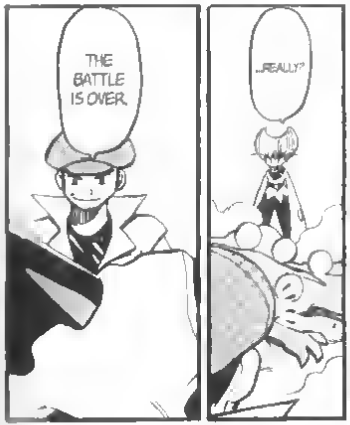
IT'S NOT USING "SHEER COLD" YET! IT'S TRYING TO BAIT SCEPTILE WITH THE "ICE BEAM" ATTACK!
BEAM
I KNEW IT!
YOU'RE EVADING ALL MY ATTACKS BY USING "DETECT"!
AFTER ALL, IF YOU GET HIT BY "SHEER COLD", THEN THIS MATCH IS OVER IN MY FAVOR!
HOWEVER, "DETECT" HAS A WEAKNESS TOO!
THE MORE YOU KEEP USING IT, THE LESS EFFECTIVE IT GETS!
YOUR TIME IS UP!!
SUCK
COUNT YOURSELF UNLUCKY AND GIVE UP!!
FWOOOSH
"SHEER COLD"!!
FWOOOSH







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IT'S GETTING UP?!
AFTER BEING HIT BY THAT POWERFUL ATTACK?!
DON'T TELL ME HE EVADED THAT ATTACK?!
WOBBLE
GLALIE?! WHAT'S WRONG
WOBBLE WOBBLE
THIS THING
IT'S "LEECH SEED"!!
IT FINALLY WORKED, HUH?
I PLANTED IT THERE WHEN THEY WERE GRAPPLING JUST NOW!
YOUR POKÉMON'S LIFE POINTS'VE BEEN STEADILY DECREASING AS WELL!
SAP SAP
AND NOW

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..IMPRESSIVE
AAH.. THAT WAS FUN! LATERS!!
W-WAIT !!
YOU'VE CONQUERED THE BATTLE FACTORY SO HERE. THIS IS YOURS
THE GOLDEN KNOW-LEDGE SYMBOL!

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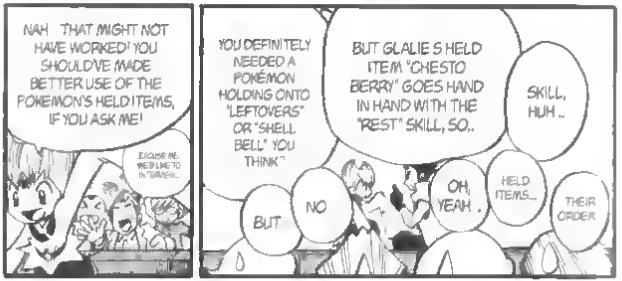
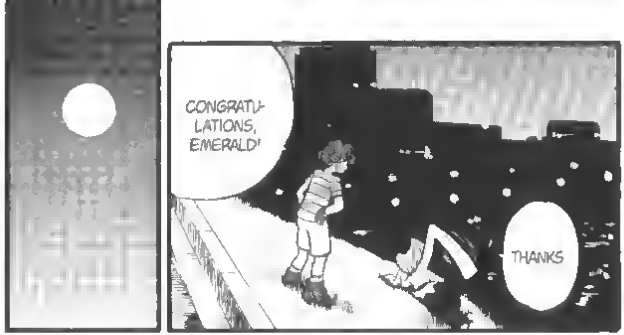
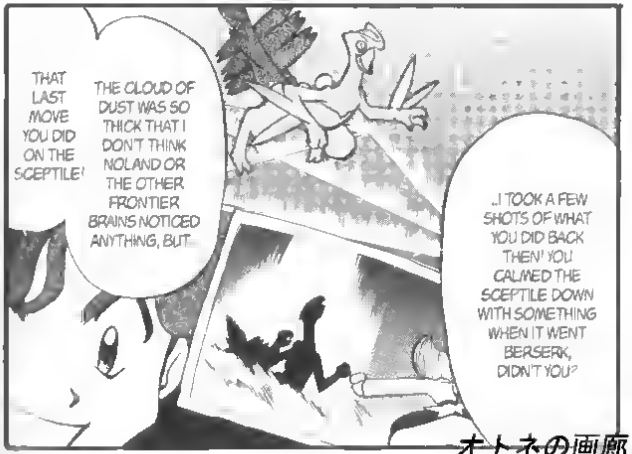
HMM... MY POKEMON WERE OF CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH TOO, AND YET... I WONDER WHAT WENT WRONG...
MAYBE GOLEM SHOULD HAVE USED "EXPLOSION" FIRST?


NAH THAT MIGHT NOT HAVE WORKED! YOU SHOULD'VE MADE BETTER USE OF THE POKEMON'S HELD ITEMS, IF YOU ASK ME!
EXCUSE ME, WE'D LIKE TO INTERVIEW...
YOU DEFINITELY NEEDED A POKEMON HOLDING ONTO "LEFTOVERS" OR "SHELL BELL," YOU THINK?
BUT
NO
BUT GLALIE'S HELD ITEM "CHESTO BERRY" GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE "REST" SKILL, SO..
OH, YEAH.
SKILL, HUH..
HELD ITEMS...
THEIR ORDER

WILL THE BOTH OF YOU SHUT UP AND LISTEN?!
WE'VE WASTED 15 HOURS OF OUR LIVES WATCHING YOU GUYS BATTLE NON-STOP FOR 92 MATCHES, AND THIS IS HOW YOU TREAT US?!!




THAT LAST MOVE YOU DID ON THE SCEPTILE!
THE CLOUD OF DUST WAS SO THICK THAT I DON'T THINK NOLAND OR THE OTHER FRONTIER BRAINS NOTICED ANYTHING, BUT...
..I TOOK A FEW SHOTS OF WHAT YOU DID BACK THEN! YOU CALMED THE SCEPTILE DOWN WITH SOMETHING WHEN IT WENT BERSERK, DIDN'T YOU?

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IT'S STRANGE THAT A RENTAL POKÉMON WOULD GET SO ANGRY, THOUGH...
OKAY! I'LL TELL YOU EVERY-THING!
FIRST, LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS GUY..
WHOA!!
YOU TOOK THE SCEPTILE OUT WITHOUT PER MISSION? YOU'RE GONNA GET INTO TROUBLE!!
BOING
NO! I WON'T.
WHY NOT ?!
CUZ' I NEED TO INSPECT THIS GUY.
INSPECT IT? FOR WHAT?
HAH! YOU WERE JUST BOASTING ABOUT HOW YOU MANAGED TO TAKE PICTURES..
..AND YET YOU DIDN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE THE SCEPTILE TURNED ON ME?
THIS SCEPTILE WENT BERSERK JUST NOW BECAUSE..
..SOMEONE FROM THE AUDIENCE SHOT A "POISON BARB" AT IT

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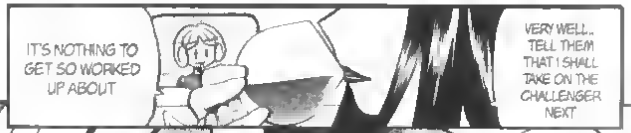

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BATTLE PIKE

BATTLE MODE	POKÉMON ALLOWED	OBTAINABLE SYMBOL	HOW TO OBTAIN THE SYMBOL ACCORDING TO
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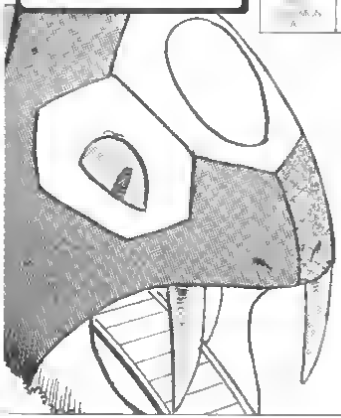
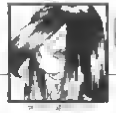


In this facility, you must aim for the innermost room by choosing from a series of three doors. There are eight events that may be triggered every time you open a door, so which event you get depends on your luck. If all goes well, you may even trigger the "Recovery" event where all your Pokémon's health will be restored. One of the eight events you may trigger is the tag battle. However, if you do not have more than two Pokémon on hand, the event will not take place.



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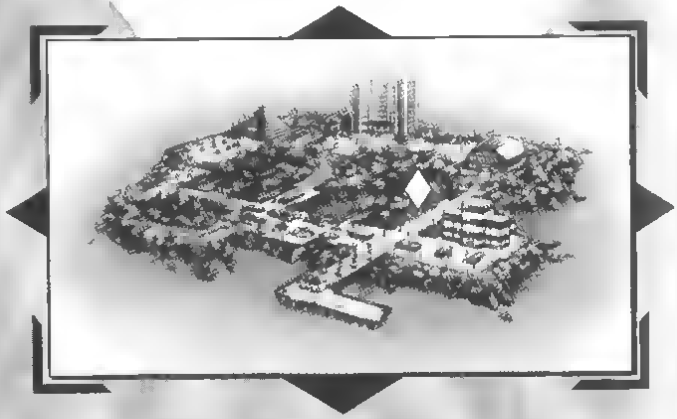

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I'VE NEVER SEEN POKÉMON LIKE THESE BEFORE! WHAT'S MORE...

...EMERALD'S *COMMUNICATING* WITH THEM?!

I CAN'T HEAR ANYTHING, BUT JUDGING FROM THE EXPRESSIONS AND BEHAVIOR OF THOSE TWO POKÉMON, EMERALD MUST HAVE AGREED TO WHAT THEY WERE ASKING FOR.

OKAY, LATIAS AND LATIOS, I GOT IT!

CONDITION

SCEPTILE

IT'S LEVEL 5!

L-LEVEL *5!?* ! IMPOSSIBLE!! YOU CHOSE TO DO BATTLE IN THE ***LEVEL 50*** CATEGORY, SO THE RENTAL POKÉMON SHOULD ALL BE LEVEL 50 OR BELOW!!

THERE'S NO WAY THE SYSTEM COULD HAVE MADE A MISTAKE LIKE THIS!

BUT IT'S THE TRUTH! THIS SCEPTILE'S LEVEL 5! MACHINES DON'T TELL LIES!

TRY TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED WHEN GLALIE USED "SHEER COLD" ON ME

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NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...!!
THE AMBER GOLD ATTACK!
SHING SHING
LIFT
"SHEER COLD" IS A SKILL THAT WILL MISS IF THE OPPONENT IS EVEN ONE LEVEL HIGHER.
SCEPTILE DIDN'T EVADE THE ATTACK BACK THEN AND THERE WAS NO WAY IT COULDVE WITHSTOOD SUCH A DIRECT HIT
YET IT WASN'T KNOCKED OUT WHY IS THAT
EXACTLY
IT'S BECAUSE IT'S ONE LEVEL HIGHER THAN THE OPPONENT.!!
WELL? DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THIS SCEPTILE IS REALLY LEVEL 5! NOW?
HMM...
THEN... YOU CHOSE THIS POKEMON KNOWING TH-T IT WAS AGAINST THE RULES?!
NOPE
THAT'S TRUE. NOLAND DIDN'T NOTICE ANYTHING FISHY EITHER, SO...
BUT SUPPOSING HE WAS THE ONE WHO PLANTED THE POKEMON THERE... WHY WOULD HE LET EMERALD USE IT? MMMM... WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?!

I CAN THINK OF ONE POSSIBILITY.
THIS GUY'S PROBABLY NOT A RENTAL POKEMON TO BEGIN WITH AT ALL.
SINCE IT DOESN'T BELONG TO THE BATTLE FACTORY, SOMEONE MUSTVE SLIPPED IT INSIDE UNDER NOLAND'S NOSE!
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT IT OUT
THIS SCEPTILE... WASN'T A RENTAL POKEMON?!

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THIS IS BAD!! IF THEY FIND OUT THAT YOU TOOK A SCEPTILE OUT FROM THE BATTLE FACTORY, THEN.
DON'T WORRY! LOOK!
?!
SWISH
WHAT IS...?! A CLOUD OF MIST'S KEEPING THE THREE OF THEM OUT OF SIGHT!!
NICE "MIST BALL", LATIAS!

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WE DEMAND TO KNOW WHICH FACILITY YOU'RE PLANNING TO TAKE ON TOMORROW!
YOU'RE COMING TO MY BATTLE DOME RIGHT?
HOW ABOUT MY BATTLE PYRAMID?!

HMM? I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ON ALL THE FACILITIES EVENTUALLY ANYWAY, SO IT REALLY DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO ME...
...THOUGH I HAVE TO SAY, I DON'T WANNA GO TO EITHER OF YOUR FACILITIES

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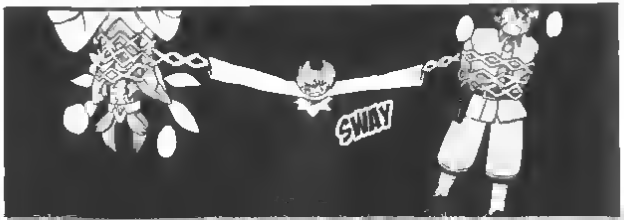
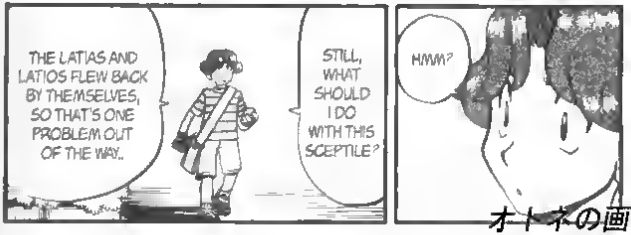


HEY.. I'VE BEEN TIED UP BY SOMETHING AND I CAN'T MOVE!!
DO SOME-THING!!
OH, SHUT UP! YOU WERE THE ONES WHO TOLD ME TO STOP STRUGGLING!
IT'S TOO LATE IN THE NIGHT FOR THIS.. I'M GOING TO SLEEP..
HEY!! DON'T FALL ASLEEP!! RELEASE US!!
ZZZ
WAKE UP!!

EMERALD DIDN'T COME BACK AFTER THAT... I WONDER WHERE HE WENT?
DON'T TELL ME TUCKER AND BRANDON CAUGHT HIM AND TIED HIM UP SOMEWHERE?


THE LATIAS AND LATIOS FLEW BACK BY THEMSELVES, SO THAT'S ONE PROBLEM OUT OF THE WAY..
STILL, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS SCEPTILE?
HMM?

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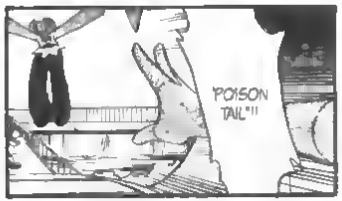

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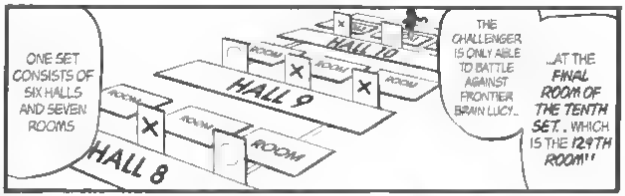
HOW ABOUT IT? WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE ON THE BATTLE PIKE OF LUCK FOR TODAY'S CHALLENGE?
SURE!
ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AGAIN.
I AM LUCY.
MY TITLE IS THAT OF "QUEEN", AND YOU MAY CALL ME PIKE QUEEN LUCY.
THE BATTLE PIKE, A FACILITY WHICH TESTS YOUR LUCK...
THE CHALLENGER HAS TO TAKE ON THIS FACILITY WITH THREE POKÉMON OR LESS!
HE WILL ENTER A SERIES OF HALLS WITH THREE DOORS TO PROGRESS, HE MUST GO THROUGH ONE OF THE DOORS UNTIL HE ARRIVES AT THE FINAL ROOM
EACH DOOR OPENS INTO A ROOM
THERE ARE EIGHT EVENTS HE MIGHT TRIGGER BY GOING THROUGH THE DOORS RANGING FROM RECOVERY EVENTS TO BATTLE EVENTS
THE EVENTS ARE RANDOM, SO IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE CHALLENGER'S LUCK...


ONE SET CONSISTS OF SIX HALLS AND SEVEN ROOMS
HALL 8
HALL 9
HALL 10
ROOM
THE CHALLENGER IS ONLY ABLE TO BATTLE AGAINST FRONTIER BRAIN LUCY...
...AT THE FINAL ROOM OF THE TENTH SET., WHICH IS THE 129TH ROOM!!

ALSO, IF ALL THE CHALLENGER'S POKÉMON COLLAPSES BEFORE THE FINAL ROOM, THE CHALLENGER WILL HAVE TO RESTART FROM THE FIRST ROOM, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY ROOMS HE HAS ALREADY GONE THROUGH!
IT'S JUST LIKE NOLAND'S BATTLE FACTORY!

THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HAVE ARRIVED...
CHATTER
CHATTER
LET ME KNOW WHENEVER YOU'RE READY
OR IF YOU'RE READY NOW, WE CAN START RIGHT AWAY..
HANG ON A SEC! LEMME GO GET PREPARED!!
WAIT, EMERALD!

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YOU NEED THREE POKÉMON FOR THIS CHALLENGE, RIGHT? WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO FOR THAT?!
HUH? HUH? HUH?
THIS ISN'T THE BATTLE FACTORY... THERE'RE NO RENTAL POKÉMON HERE! YOU HAVE TO USE YOUR OWN!

I KNOW THAT!
SO, YOU'RE GONNA USE THE SCEPTILE FROM YESTERDAY? AND THOSE TWO POKÉMON CALLED LATIAS AND LATIOS OR SOMETHING..?
NAH! I'M THINKING OF USING SOMETHING ELSE, ACTUALLY

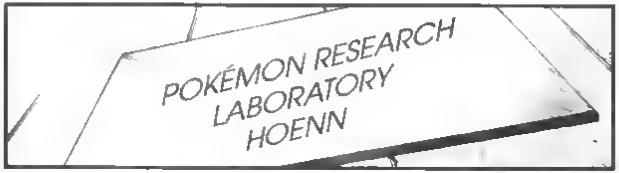
SOME THING ELSE
BUT YOU TOLD ME THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POKÉMON ON HAND!!

YEAH, I DON'T!
BUT

...THE PERSON WHO SENT ME TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER OWNS EVERY SINGLE SORT OF POKÉMON...
...AND I WAS TOLD THAT I CAN USE ANY POKÉMON I WANT!!

THE PERSON WHO SENT YOU TO THE BATTLE FRONTIER?!

THAT'S RIGHT!
NOW THEN,
TAP TAP TAP TAP
COMPUTER MESSAGE...
...SEND!
CLICK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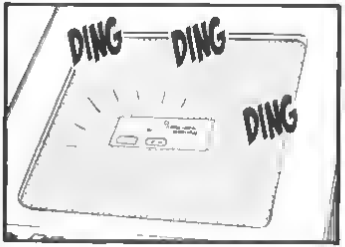
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OH... IT'S FROM EMERALD
LET'S SEE...
ALL RIGHT!

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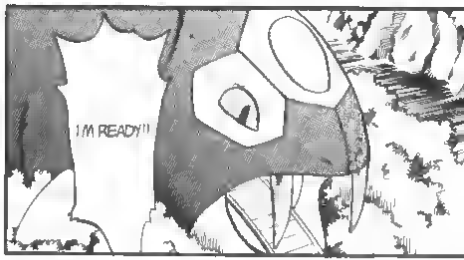

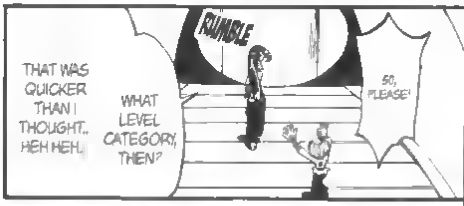

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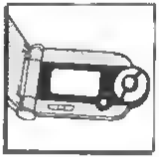
CHARACTER PROFILE

EMERALD

I'VE ORGANIZED ALL THE INFORMATION WE HAVE ABOUT HIM SO FAR!

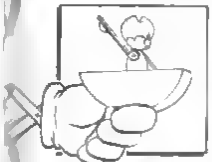
BIRTH PLACE	UNKNOWN (SOMEWHERE IN HOENN)
BIRTH DATE	31ST MAY
BLOOD TYPE	AB (RH MINUS)
AGE	11 (AS OF CHAPTER 308)
LIKES	POKÉMON BATTLES
POKÉMON ON HAND	NONE!!

This trainer gives you the impression that he's nothing but a weirdo. At first glance, I mean... Look at his clothes, hairstyle and platform shoes!! He's a frank kid who doesn't hide anything. Even though he'll give you a straight answer if you ask him, he's still quite mysterious in many aspects. Anyway, you can be sure I'll keep collecting information about him. That's my job as a reporter!!



■POKÉDEX■

He uses this to check the ecology of Pokémon. It's my first time to see a something like this, so I don't know who made it or where it was [illegible]

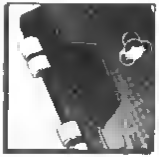


■E SHOOTER■

He [illegible] use this gun. Pokémon who are surrounded by [illegible] will [illegible] their rampage in an instant. I wonder why?

■POKÉMON NAVIGATOR■

A tool that other Hoenn trainers also possess. Frontier participants use it to verify the health of their Pokémon during the tournament.



■FRONTIER PASS■

[illegible] the Battle [illegible]. Emerald uses this to store [illegible] as well.

■MAGIC HAND■

An extendable arm that springs out from Emerald's sleeves. I've not seen the inside of his sleeves before, but I wonder where his real arms are?

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